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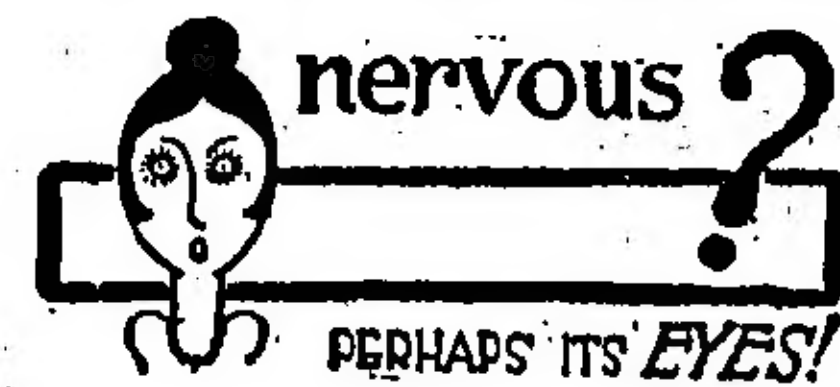
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## CASES AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS

### FOUR CHINESE INDICTED ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY THIEF SHOT BY POLICE

The Criminal Session for the month commenced this morning at the Supreme Court. Five Chinese were arraigned before his Honour the Puisne Judge, (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood), four of whom were indicted in a charge of robbery. The fifth man was charged with aiding and abetting.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Crown Attorney, prosecuted. The prisoners were not legally represented.

In outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Fitzroy said that the alleged crime took place on October 6 at about 4.30 a.m., at a house in Canton Road, Kowloon. The ground floor was occupied by a firewood dealer, his wife and a concubine. There was a cockle, which was tenanted by a man and his wife. There was also a foki in the shop.

**Locked and Bolted**  
Evidence would be brought to show that the doors were locked and bolted on the night of October 6. At about 1 and 2 a.m., the night soil cooler knocked for admittance. The master and his foki were awakened. They let in the night soil cooler, and after the man had finished his job, they saw him leaving the premises. The shop door was again bolted.

They went back to sleep and about a couple of hours later, Wong Kam, the master of the shop, heard a noise and realised that certain strange people had entered his shop. He was forced to keep quiet, and he also felt something pricked against his back.

**Whistle Blown**  
The intruders took a pair of ratan gold mounted bangles, from the concubine. The made some noise which had probably attracted the people living above. A police whistle was blown and the robbers took to their heels.

The police whistle drew a Chinese constable to the scene, just as three of the robbers were leaving the premises. The constable gave chase, and when his order for the men to stop was not heeded, he opened fire. One of the robbers was wounded. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, where he died the next day.

**A Fourth Arrested**  
The same morning after the alleged robbery, Insp. Fallon and a Chinese detective went to the Kowloon Hospital to take a statement from the wounded man, and as they were leaving the hospital, they met three men on the hillside who were acting in a very suspicious manner. The three men were taken to Police Headquarters for investigation, and there they made a statement which connected them with the robbery. From information supplied, the fourth man was arrested.

His Lordship: Why was there a delay in bringing the men to trial; they should have been brought up at the Sessions last month?

Mr. Fitzroy: I believe that the Magistrate was full up with dates, so that he could not proceed with the case any earlier.

His Lordship: Apparently these prisoners were held from October 7 until November 22 before any evidence was offered against them.

**Unfortunate**  
Mr. Fitzroy: It was very unfortunate indeed. They should have been tried earlier, but the Magistrate could only find one afternoon in a week for the case.

His Lordship: I am not suggesting that the officer in charge of the case was responsible for the delay.

His Lordship then asked if there were any particular reason in picking out the fifth prisoner from all the occupants of the house as the man who had aided and abetted. Mr. Fitzroy referred his Lordship to a certain exhibit.

His Lordship (after reading the exhibit referred to): Even that is not conclusive. Do you wish to offer that as evidence?

Mr. Fitzroy: No, my Lord.

His Lordship: Even if you do, I will raise an objection.

The fifth prisoner was then discharged.

His Lordship: What has been done in the case of the man who was killed? Has an enquiry been held?

Mr. Fitzroy: I understand that an enquiry will be held after the case. I don't know why, but it appears to me that an enquiry should have been held after the man's death.

## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### STAR FERRY APPROACH DISCUSSED PARKING OF PRIVATE CARS

At the December meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E., President of the Association, took the chair. Other members present were Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. C. Terry (Hon. Secretary), and Messrs. E. Cook, M.B.E., D. W. Tape, W. J. Strokes, F. W. Stapleton, R. Pestonji, H. Un, J. M. Alves, W. J. Brown, Li Low-son, C. R. Riggs, E. C. Tregillus and W. Goldenberg.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and sundry correspondence dealt with, the question of the "Star" Ferry approach was again brought before the meeting. It having been brought to the notice of the Committee that the authorities proposed to discontinue the parking of private cars at the Ferry approach, it was decided to ascertain from the Captain Superintendent of Police what, if any, alternative accommodation would be provided.

It was also decided to write to the D.P.W., reverting to previous correspondence and to enquire whether any information could be made available as to Government's intentions with regard to the scheme for reorganising the traffic at this spot.

**Police in Kowloon Tong**  
A reply from the C.S.P. to the Association's letter of September (wherein it was stated that provisions for an increase of the strength of the Police Force in Kowloon had been made in next year's Estimates, but that Government considered the provision of a sub-station at Kowloon Tong was not yet necessary) was discussed at length.

It was unanimously agreed that the attention of the C.S.P. be drawn to the distance of Kowloon Tong from both Kowloon City and Mong Kok Police Stations, and that Government be asked to reconsider their decision in view of the present large population of this district.

**Residential Areas**  
The Sub-Committee appointed in November to consider the question of an extension of the present regulations limiting the areas in which hawkers' cries, bands, etc., are permitted presented a detailed and lengthy report on the subject, which was debated clause by clause. The report was accepted in toto, and it was unanimously agreed that the proposals set out therein be forwarded to Government.

Briefly summarised, these provide for an extension of the area within which hawkers' cries and all other similar noises and nuisances are forbidden to the area as follows:—From "Star" Ferry, Salisbury Road, Canton Road, Austin Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Waterloo Road to No. 4 Bridge, along the Railway Line to No. 2 Bridge, thence along the sea front back to Star Ferry—Including Kowloon Tong, Kowloon Hospital and Ho Mun Tin—both sides of Jordan Road west of Nathan Road and the Eastern end of Prince Edward Road as far as Ma Tau Wai to be included, but excluding the area bounded by Soy Street, on the south Nathan Road on the west, Prince Edward Road on the south, and the railway on the east.

Several other matters, including the utilisation of an area in Ho Mun Tin as a playground, and the placing of watchmen at Castle Peak Beach on the same status as those at Repulse Bay, having been dealt with, the meeting closed.

The Committee wish to remind all members whose subscriptions for 1929 are outstanding that the financial year closes this month; they are therefore requested to forward the amounts due to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Messrs. Tester & Abraham, as soon as possible.

It appears to me that an enquiry should have been held after the man's death.

Evidence was then taken in the case of robbery against the four prisoners. In their statement all the prisoners admitted going to the house to steal. They denied having arms with them—a knife and a chisel were produced in Court—and said that they had used no violence on the inmates.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and each of the men was sentenced to 2 years' hard labour and to receive 20 strokes of the birch.

## ART EXHIBITION OPENED

### ABUNDANT SCOPE FOR BUYERS EXCELLENT DISPLAY

Much that pleased the eye was to be seen when the annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club opened in the Mercantile Bank Building (1st floor).

This year there are 31 names in the list of exhibitors, with 225 exhibits among them. In addition to these there are a number of items under the heading of "arts and crafts" which lent variety to the show.

A noticeable feature was that although some of the exhibitors' work has already been sold, there is still abundant scope for would-be buyers; and prices, in general, appear to err on the low side.

Mrs. J. C. Knight Anstey had a series of scenes, many local, which were cleverly executed.

Mrs. Ascho had a large collection, also mostly local. These were indeed pretty, showing painstaking attention to detail. If fault could be found, it might be said that No. 12 (A Chinese Temple at Stanley), which scene the writer knows, is just a shade too colourful.

Marked at only \$10 each, Mr. G. W. Arnold had several pictures noticeable for their attractive boldness.

**Most Prolific Artist**  
Commander R. D. Binney, R.N., was the most prolific artist of the lot, his exhibits totalling 37. No. 32 (Hong Kong from the West) and No. 33 (Kowloon Peak) were, perhaps, the best.

Many of those who critically examined the pictures admired the work of Lt. R. Birch, whose "subjects" extended from Hong Kong to the New Territories and up the West River.

Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith was responsible for seven pictures of flowers. These were excellent and really artistic.

Mrs. C. B. Brown, the indefatigable secretary, who had charge of the arrangement, also earned praise for a large number of pictures of the Old Country and Hong Kong.

Lt. Col. Christian specialised in junks. Better have been seen occasionally, but these were quite good.

Miss Maud Crawford appears to have been too modest in her estimation of intrinsic value. It was not to be wondered at that several of her lot were sold before the exhibition opened. They were worth more than the price set down.

Similarly, the work of Miss W. I. Griffin was also good value, a view of Lion Rock (No. 119) attracting much attention.

Mrs. D. S. Gabbay had three pictures in oils and these deserve more than passing notice.

Miss H. Harry had No. 132 ("Brancome," Devon). Then there was some Honiton lace, designed and executed by the exhibitor, Miss Harry.

Mr. Geo. P. Heney shone with bone oils and water colours, some of the latter being of outstanding merit.

**A Masterpiece**  
Mr. J. H. Hunt exhibited several water-colour drawings. No. 158 ("Evening, Hong Kong") was a masterpiece. But he also had two black and white designs, of which No. 157 ("Quotation") showed a wealth of detail.

Mrs. H. V. Koop's portraits were lifelike, there being one of the Bishop of Liverpool and one of the Dean. Marked at \$350, Mr. William Noice exhibited No. 169 ("Sunshine and Shadow") which was a fine example of rugged grandeur.

The dim forms in Mrs. M. O. Pfister's pastels were beautiful realistic. Most of these local scenes and people were "done" this year.

Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton's seascapes and landscapes were approved by exhibitors and Mrs. Wyatt's exhibits were also liked.

Dean Swann had set all of local places, with those of Repulse Bay the best, perhaps.

Mr. G. Van Wyck showed unusual treatment of an effective subject in his No. 226 ("Seascape").

**Respectable Amah**  
Mr. A. Abbas showed a number of photographs; that of "Seven Eyes," No. 1 (with a bespectacled amah, another amah and a needle) is worth going a long way to see.

Mrs. Danby had a section to herself for her dyed scarves in Batik work, which will excite the envy of the local shops. Miss Riley had a number of useful and decorative articles for sale and Mrs. Hampden Ross exhibited four beautifully embroidered cushions. Dr. Smalley had a number of sketches which were not referred to in the catalogue.

**MAYOR'S SALARY**  
**Mr. Walker Recommends An Increase**  
New York, Yesterday.  
Mayor Walker has recommended himself to increase his salary from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year.—Reuter's American Service.

## THE NAVAL BASES

### EIGHT CLOSED DOWN BY BRITAIN FRANCE & ITALY

### THE TONNAGE OF FOREIGN POWERS

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons at question time Mr. W. H. Ayres (Lab. Bristol) asked to what extent Great Britain, France and Italy had increased their naval power since 1921 as regards ships and tonnage, naval bases and naval air forces. Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord, replied that all three had decreased.

### BLOCKING WEST RIVER

### Against Cantonese Navy

It is reported from Wuchow, in Kwangsi, on the West River, that the Kwangsi army, which has been retreating up the West River after failing to get Canton, are blocking the river between North Bank and Chikien Basket Island. This blockade is obviously to prevent the Cantonese pursuers approaching Wuchow, the Kwangsi base, by water, the Cantonese having a big advantage in naval forces.

It is also reported, a wireless message adds, that two high military officers were killed in the recent heavy fighting. Their names are given as Leung Chai-kei, commanding 1st division of the Advance Army, and Hui Cheung-mo, commanding the 2nd division of the Advance Army.

There is no doubt now that the Kwangsi have given up hope of taking Canton—at least for the present—and that they have been retreating rapidly. The Ironsides are easing up in their retreat, overland, north-eastward.

their fleets both as regards ships and tonnage since 1921. As regards naval bases, Great Britain had closed down eight bases in the British Isles. To the contrary, development at Singapore had begun. So far as was known, France and Italy remained practically stationary.

He believed that France had closed down her base at Port de France, Martinique. Italy had established two small bases, and the naval air forces of the three countries.

**To-day's rainfall 0.11 inch**  
**1929 rainfall .6951 inches**  
**Average ..... 82.62 inches**  
**Deficit ..... 13.11 inches**

tries had substantially increased, but comparable figures were unavailable.

**Cost of the Base**  
Mr. Philip Snowden said that the estimated cost of the Singapore base was approximately £11,600,000 of which £9,000,000 would fall on the Navy votes, £2,000,000 to the Army funds and £600,000 to the Air funds. Contributions promised by the Dominions and Colonial Governments amounted to £3,250,000. The amount payable to the British exchequer, therefore, was approximately £3,350,000.

These figures were subject to possible revision before the Naval Conference.—Reuter.

### WATCHMAN ASLEEP?

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, to-day sentenced a Chinese to one month's hard labour for stealing six pieces of iron from a contractor's matshed near No. 8 railway bridge in Prince Edward Road.

It was stated by a representative of the builders that they had a watchman there but he was asleep. The Magistrate was told that about 20 of these bars had disappeared.

## DEBATE ON THE COAL MINES' BILL

### OPPOSITION RELUCTANT TO CLASH WITH LIBERALS CRISIS TO BE AVERTED

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons Mr. William Graham, loudly cheered by Labour members moving the second reading of the Coal Mines' Bill, initiated a critical debate, which will terminate on December 19. It is predicted that the debate will not end disastrously for the Government, in view of the reluctance of the opposition at present to provoke to clash with Liberals, who have only committed themselves to opposing the marketing proposals "in their present form" and anticipate Governmental concessions, which would facilitate the aversion of a crisis.

**Benefit The Foreigner**  
London, Later.  
After Mr. Graham had spoken for two hours without a note, Sir Herbert Samuel, in tones suggesting an ultimatum, asked the Government a series of questions regarding the Coal Mines' Bill, which he declared would tax the Briton to the benefit of the foreigner, and intimated that the Liberals' vote on December 19 would depend on the Government's answer.

**Ben Turner Stumped**  
London, Later.  
Sir Herbert Samuel dealt with the main Liberal objection, namely the risk of increasing prices of coal to the consumers. He asked whether the Government was prepared to secure that there should be a real effective control of prices in the public interest.

Mr. Ben Turner, Minister of Mines, answered other questions, but did not reply to this. Pressed by Sir Herbert Samuel, however, Mr. Turner replied that the matter would be borne in mind, and possibly observations made on Thursday.—Reuter.

**Winning-Back Markets**  
Rugby, Yesterday.  
Mr. Wm. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, moved in the House of Commons the second reading of the Coal Mines' Bill.

He said he was satisfied from contact with many of the highest experts in the coal industry that, if there were some kind of order instead of chaos, this country would win its way back in the European markets; not perhaps to the extent it enjoyed in pre-war times, but to some extent.

The Bill provided for the setting up of a national scheme of marketing for the purpose of co-ordinating district schemes. This national scheme was representative of owners in all areas in Great Britain. It was the duty of this national body to arrive at what in their view was an aggregate British demand for coal, or the amount of coal over a reasonable period which, in their judgment, could be sold at a remunerative level, and then they would make allocation to different districts of the country in terms of what those districts had been doing.

Part of the criticism of the Bill had been directed to the fact that the levy which the Bill provided could be imposed by a central body upon district boards for the purpose of facilitating the sale of coal for export. The object was to enable the coal industry in Great Britain to compete at world prices, which for this purpose were European prices. It was not proposed to subsidise coal in the ordinary sense. With regard to the reduction of miners' hours from eight to seven and a half, he said that with goodwill this could be met without a reduction of wages.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, former President of the Board of Trade, moved the rejection of the Bill.—British W. Press Service.

### STOP PRESS

Sixty-two miners were killed in an explosion in a coal mine at north McAlester. Only two were found alive.—Reuter's American Service.

## HORSEMEN FIND LOST 'PLANE

### BORGAS & CHALLE STRANDED ON TIP OF S. AMERICA COSTES' GREAT FEAT

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.  
The head of the air mail service has despatched an aeroplane to Maracaja, which is a small village near Natal, at the extreme north easterly tip of South America, near Touro, where Ferrarin and Delpreto landed in July 1924 after a record flight.

It seems that Challe and Borgas lost their way after striking the coast, and landed in the forest region 60 miles beyond the seashore after midnight. They had been in the air between 86 and 39 hours. The machine overturned on landing and was found by a group of horsemen riding to the coast from the interior. The spot is so remote from any habitations that it was several hours before the horsemen were able to get into touch with Natal.

The Governor of Rio Grande, de Norte, rushed medical help to Maracaja, but further details are still lacking.

**Challe Injured**  
Later.  
A message from Natal states that Colonel Borgas arrived at San Antonio uninjured. Challe is slightly injured.—Reuter's American Service.

**Costes' New Record**  
Marseilles, Yesterday.  
Costes and Codos flew on a closed circuit between Narbonne and Avignon and landed at Istres aerodrome, having covered 5,060 miles in 54 hours 40 minutes.

They still had much in the tanks, despite the fact that a violent mistral storm was raging for the latter part of the flight. France now holds two world's major air records, both standing to the credit of Costes.—Reuter.

**Earlier Reports**  
Paris, Yesterday.  
The Air Ministry has received a telegram stating that Challes passed over Maceio, 120 miles to the south-west of Pernambuco last night.

**Where They Crashed**  
Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.  
Challes and Borgas, the non-stop flyers, are reported to have crashed near Maracaja, in the State of Rio Grande del Norte. One airman was seriously hurt.

**Later**  
The injured airman is Borgas.

**Costes' Flight**  
Marseilles, Yesterday.  
After a non-stop flight of 50 hours M. Costes and Lieut. Codos broke the world's record of 4,800 miles established by the Italian, Ferrarin Delpreto, for distance in a closed circuit.—Reuter.

**Men Exhausted**  
Rio de Janeiro, To-day.  
Challe and Borgas encountered strong head winds and thick fog while over the ocean, and flew blindly until they reached the Brazilian coast. Both were exhausted after 48 hours' flying, during which they covered 3,600 miles and, as petrol was running low and darkness coming on, they decided to land, and came down in the middle of a wood. They were unable to see clearly, and the plane was turned over and destroyed.—Reuter.

**The R-100's Flight**  
The airship R100, which left the mooring mast at Cardington at 10 o'clock this morning for her second cruise, returned to mast just before three o'clock. Though she set her course towards London there was no intention of visiting the Metropolis. Owing to mist and bad visibility, the airship escaped observation at most places which she passed over. She kept the Air Ministry informed of her movements by wireless.—British Wireless Service.

### THE FAMOUS FRENCH AIRMAN

Diemond Costes (right) whose world distance record flight is being attacked by Lieut. Jones Williams. On Costes' left is Ballonte, who accompanied him on his flight to the Far East.



## BRITISH FLIGHT TO THE CAPE

### ATTEMPT TO SET UP NEW LONG-DISTANCE RECORD EFFORT TO BEAT COSTES

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Two Royal Air Force officers, Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, started from Cranwell Aerodrome in Lincolnshire at 8 o'clock this morning in a large Fairey Napier monoplane, in an attempt to fly on a non-stop journey to South Africa, a distance of 6,000 miles, and thus establish the world's long-distance record. The present record is held by the Frenchman, Captain Costes, with 4,912 miles.

Jones Williams and Jenkins made an attack on the long-distance record last April. They left Cranwell in the same monoplane as they are now flying, but after covering 4,130 miles, they were forced down by petrol shortage at Karachi, India.

**'Plane Sighted**  
Weather conditions over a large part of the route on this occasion are reported to be favourable, and the airman expect if all goes well to arrive at Capetown on Thursday afternoon, after a flight of about 55 hours. The machine was reported 50 miles off the North-West coast of Sardinia at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The route after leaving Sardinia will be by way of Tunis Ghat in French Sahara; Duala in Cameroon; Benjuella in Portuguese West Africa, and Walah Bay, in South West Africa. The course selected enables the pilots to avoid mountainous country, particularly in the earlier stages.

In order to beat the existing record, it is necessary under international regulations to fly at least 100 kilometres or 62½ miles more than the French figures, so that the British pilots must fly a minimum of 4,976 miles measure on a great circle course to secure the record for Britain. This means they must reach a point in South West Africa about 30 miles south of Cunene River and about halfway between Benjuella and Walah Bay.

**Radio Set Aboard**  
The aircraft is fitted for this flight with a short wave wireless transmitting set, and will transmit routine reports giving its position every four hours—at 8 o'clock, 12 o'clock, and so forth. It will transmit on 38.71 metres. It is not equipped to receive messages during the flight. Private wireless stations are therefore asked to refrain from transmitting on this wave length as they are liable to cause jamming and may thus prevent the reception of an urgent message.

There is always the possibility of a forced landing. To meet such emergency the airman are equipped with sporting guns and ammunition. They have also with them curious scimitar shaped knives (parangs), by means of which they will be able to cut their way through the jungle if necessary.

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SEATTLE MARU	Tuesday, 24th December.	
HONOLULU MARU	Sunday, 29th December.	
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HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 22nd Dec., Noon.	
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	Sunday, 29th Dec., Noon.	
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##### ACCIDENT TO "BERWICK" OFF SHANGHAI BUND

A GENERAL MELEE  
Shanghai, Yesterday.  
H.M.S. "Berwick" and the French flag ship "Waldeck Rousseau," which were lying off the Bund, were involved in an accident at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when the "Yatorofu" Maru, steaming up the Whangpoo, struck the "Berwick's" bow head on, pushing it against the stem of the battleship.  
The "Yatorofu" Maru was badly holed in the bows. She bounced off, and carried by the tide crashed into the bows of the "Waldeck Rousseau." The "Yatorofu" Maru then dropped anchors, but carried by a strong tide was swung around and sandwiched the French destroyer "Marne" between herself and the "Waldeck Rousseau," with damage to the "Marne."  
Dragging her anchors yet farther the "Yatorofu" Maru narrowly averted a collision with another steamer. The extent of the damage to the Japanese ship is considerable.—Reuter.

#### OCEAN BED MOVES Soundings Reveal Big Variations

Halifax, N.S., Yesterday.  
Reports from the fleet of cable-ships now attempting to repair the cable breaks caused by the recent earthquake on the Atlantic coast, indicate that the ocean bed has rapidly changed over the affected area, and must be re-charted.  
The Swedish liner "Kungsholm" has arrived from Gothenburg, and the captain said the soundings taken in an area of 200 miles in length approaching Cape Race showed variations of 40 to 50 fathoms from soundings recorded on existing charts. Only a few of the chart soundings were found correct.—Reuter.

#### ASHORE IN FOG Loss Of The U.S.C.S. S.S. "Manuka"

Wellington, N.Z., Yesterday.  
The Union Steamship Company's s.s. "Manuka" went ashore to-day in a fog near Dunedin, and is a total loss. Her two hundred passengers and crew were landed safely.  
The cargo includes a collection of British pictures valued at \$25,000, intended for exhibition in New Zealand. They include two oil paintings by Sir William Orpen, four oil paintings and two water colours by Dame Laura Knight, and etchings by Frank Brangwyn and C. R. W. Nevinson.—Reuter.

#### CHINA'S COASTAL RIGHTS

Nanking, Yesterday.  
At this morning's meeting of the Administrative Yuan a proposal was introduced advocating the retrocession of China's inland coastal navigation rights. A proposal was adopted planning the taking over within the next year of foreign steamship companies operating in China waters.—Reuter.

#### CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

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#### SUPERB SEAMANSHIP BRINGS HALF-A-WRECK BACK TO PORT

PASSENGERS' GRATITUDE  
London, Yesterday.  
The liner "Jamaica Settler" left London on November 19 for Jamaica and was battered in a hurricane 1,000 miles out, which damaged the rudder. She rolled helplessly in mid-ocean for a week, but the Captain managed to keep her head to the wind, saving the ship till a Dutch tug, which picked up her S.O.S. at Newfoundland, arrived. It took hours to get the rope aboard, two hawsers snapping when the tug was driven off by the wind. She returned ultimately with two more tugs, and all managed to bring the liner, which was very much damaged, to Falmouth, where the passengers presented the Captain with an address of gratitude on his superb seamanship.—Reuter.

#### AUSTRALIA & NAVAL ECONOMY DECISION TO SCRAP HISTORIC DEPOT SHIP "PENGUIN"

In their present policy of naval economy the Australian authorities have decided to scrap the depot ship "Penguin," known in the Royal Navy as H.M.S. "Encounter." She was built at Devonport Dockyard, with machinery by the Keyham Naval Engineering Establishment under the 1906 estimates, and she was regarded as something of a standby job by the dockyard. This industry construction, coupled with the fact that there was a lot of trouble because her hull and engines did not fit, caused her to be locally known as the "Red Elephant." On account of the red lead spread over her hull the hawser, she was eventually completed, a smart little ship of 5,915 tons, armed with eleven 6-inch guns and a number of small quickfiring, and capable of steaming at 21 knots. With her graceful hull and three funnels she was one of the most attractive cruisers of the period, and in these days the naval architect who cared for the appearance of this ship had ample opportunity when it came to that type. When she was ready for trial there was some trouble, partly on account of the dispute between the builders and the engineers already mentioned, and partly because the experiment had been tried of installing her engines by apprentice labour only during an engineering strike. She was commissioned for service on December 10, 1905, intended to replace the old third-class cruisers "Katoomba" and "Wallaroo," but the idea of sailing two days before Christmas did not appeal to be blue-jackets, with the result that practically the whole of one watch was lost, and the sailing had to be postponed. It was the beginning of the most unfortunate series of events, the first and second commissions being full of unpleasantness and accident, of which the best remembered is the sinking of a launch filled with blue-jackets marching order. They were run down by a steamship in Sydney Harbour, and with their rifles, ammunition and equipment had no chance of swimming. Fifteen of them being drowned. In 1912 she was handed over to the Royal Australian Navy on indefinite leave, as a training ship, and immediately her luck changed entirely. She did excellent work before the war, and as soon as hostilities commenced she was kept busy, firstly escorting Australian transports to Port Moresby, and lending valuable assistance in the New Guinea Expedition, then searching for Von Spee with Admiral Patoy's Squadron, and finally proving herself a most efficient ship in various quarters of war. She was accordingly presented to the Australian Navy soon after the Armistice, and for a time was used as a sea-going ship, but in 1922 she was paid off for duty as a receiving ship, and in 1924 renamed "Penguin" for the same duties in Sydney. In this she is now being relieved by the depot ship "Platypus." As there is practically no shipbuilding industry in Australia, it will presumably be the fate of the old "Encounter" to have her metals and valuable parts removed before being towed out to sea and scuttled.

#### WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—  
In basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Tamar," "Petersfield," "Magnolia," "Marazion," "Cornflower."  
At north arm, "Somme."  
West wall: "Kent" (flagship).  
In Dock: "Sepoy," "Seraph," "Thracian."  
No. 4 Buoy: "Herald."  
No. 5 Buoy: "Hermes."  
No. 6 Buoy: "Cornwall."  
No. 7 Buoy: "Esquimaux."  
No. 12 Buoy: "Sliver."  
Foreign Men-of-War:  
French gunboat "Argus."  
Chinese gunboat "Yuan Tai."

#### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Singapore for this Port on the 16th instant at 10 a.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 21st instant at about 6 a.m. Departure from London, Calcutta, two days on account of engine trouble.

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The insurance committee of the Shipowners' Association, however, is directing the attention of members to the circumstance that the mutual societies must now enter into agreements concerning mutual co-operation, the maximum per cent, and the bookings which they have to-day do not permit them to cover a large amount on one hull. If, then, the shipowners wait until the last moment before they apply to the mutual societies, the insurance committee state that it may happen that the societies will be unable to take over the desired amount solely because they have been unable to organise themselves in time with this possibility before them.  
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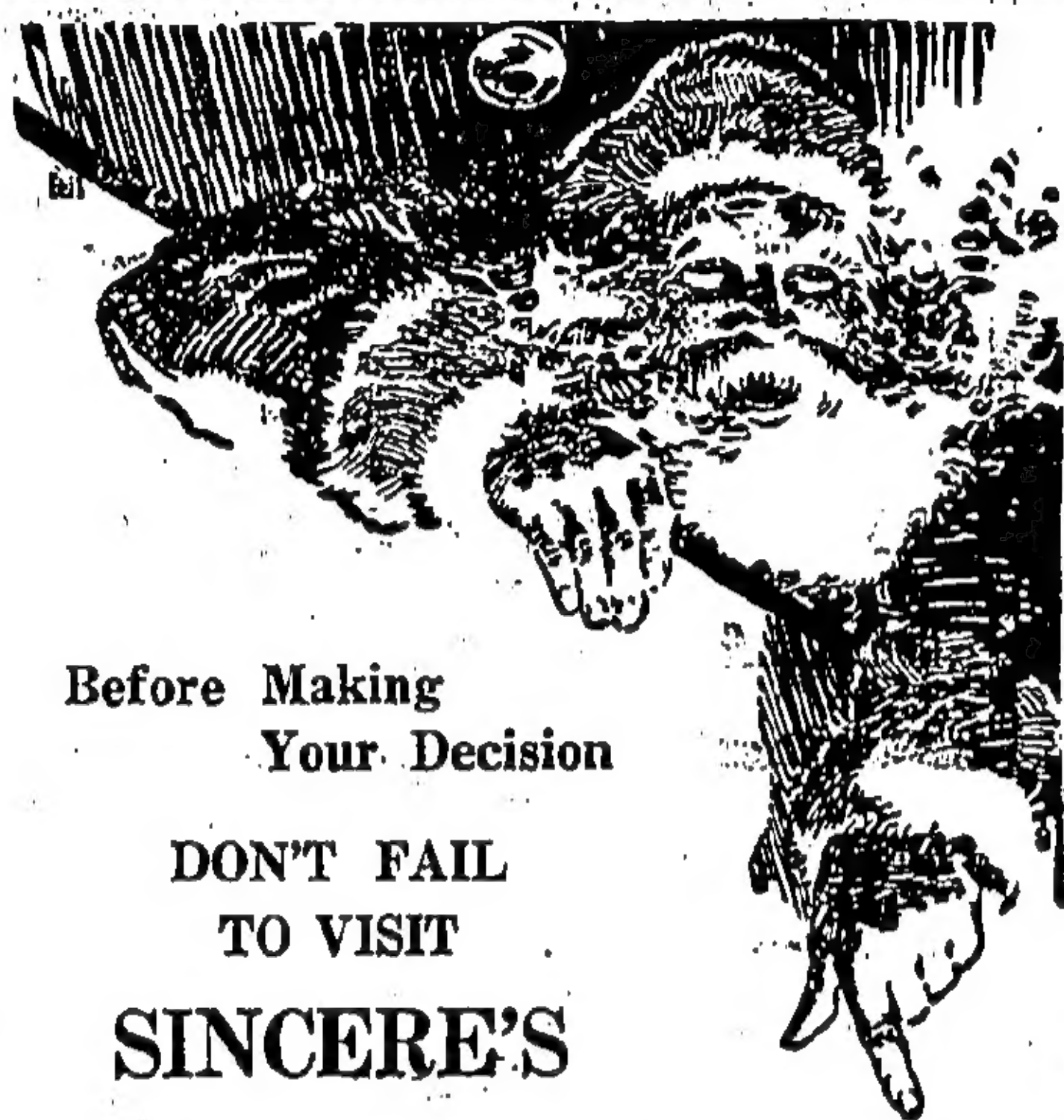
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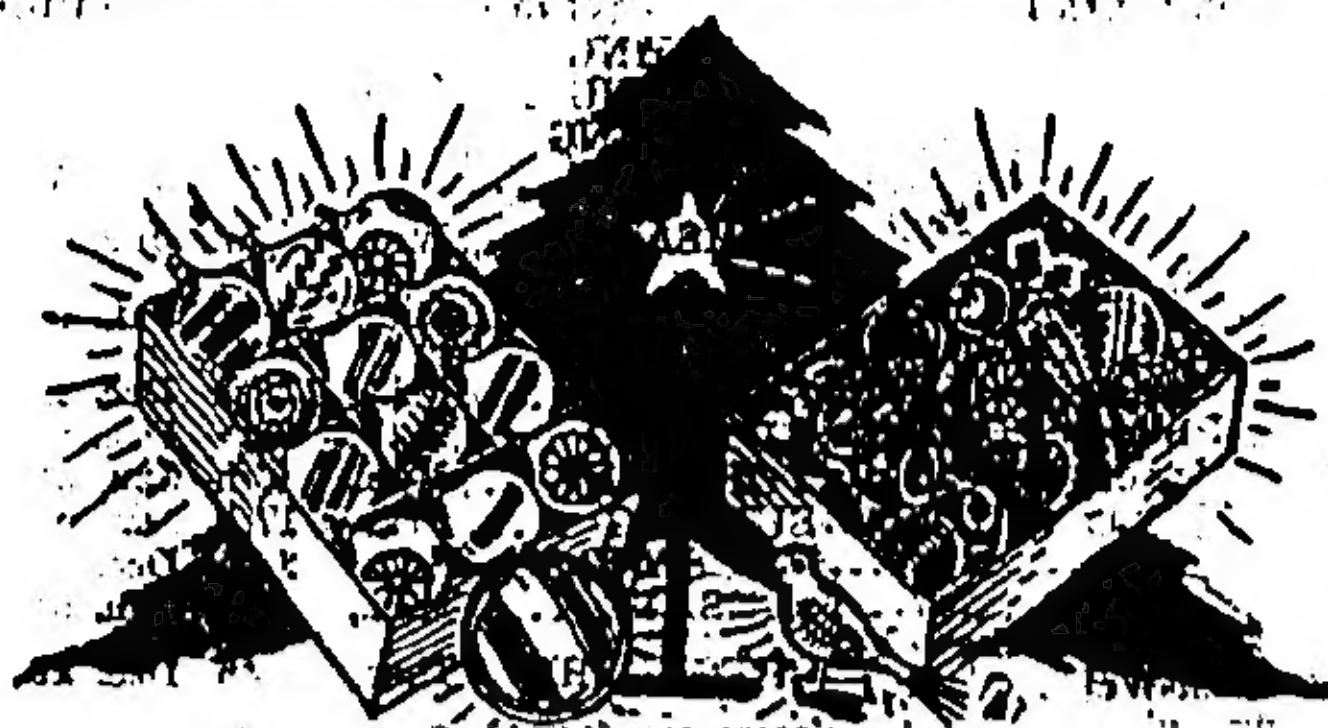
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## COMMONS &amp; PIRACY

Questioned in the House of Commons in regard to the attempted piracy of the "Hanching" Mr. Arthur Henderson might as well have been discussing the price of bacon and eggs as the vital matter of piracy. He has far too readily adapted himself to the stereotyped form of reply to queries asked by Members of Parliament. He might as well have asked the charwoman to reply in his stead for all the light and all the sympathy disclosed on a very terrible tragedy. Mr. Henderson was asked if he had made any representations to the Chinese Government regarding the increase of piracy along the China Coast. Was he able—or willing—to give a straightforward answer, giving chapter and verse, in respect of each and every piracy committed or attempted within recent years or months? Not he? Why be too painstaking when the orthodox formal reply may succeed in silencing the questioner for ever and a day? "Question time" in the House of Commons, thinks Mr. Henderson, is a most useful institution when he and his Labour colleagues are in Opposition; but a dashed nuisance when he forms one of the Cabinet! And so all the inquisitive M.P. (whose name is not even worthy of being given in the cables) got was this:—

Representations had been repeatedly made in recent years and the British Minister had instructions to keep the matter before the Chinese Government with a view to their taking effective suppressive measures. However, as far as his information showed, there had been no deterioration in the situation in recent years. The problem of

securing the safety of British commerce was one that was constantly kept in view. It would have been noticed that in the recent case of the attack upon the s.s. "Hanching," two British warships had been instrumental in saving the vessel.

Any first-year clerk in the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office, or the Admiralty could have supplied an answer of equal clarity and informativeness after a quarter of an hour's perusal of the files! A fourth standard school boy in Hong Kong could have done no better! How decidedly "newsy" to be told that "representations had been repeatedly made in recent years." How eloquent of the Home Government's practical interest to be served up with the stale information that "the British Minister had instructions to keep the matter before the Chinese Government with a view to their taking effective suppressive measures." And what Mr. Henderson means by asserting, as far as his information showed, there had been no deterioration in the situation in recent years, Heaven alone knows. His whole reply is unfortunate. His choice of words is unfortunate. His manner of answering a very pertinent and very timely question is unfortunate. One is almost tempted to write "Ironical cheers" after his "grave" pronouncement that "the problem of securing the safety of British commerce was one that was kept constantly in view." What about British lives, Mr. Henderson? Are these of no avail in any consideration of the piracy question on the China Coast? The Admiralty, at Home and locally, has shown a greater regard for British lives than Mr. Henderson appears to have done. True, the cables versions are only a summary of the actual questions and answers; still, knowing the ways of the Foreign Office, we are not hopeful of finding in the verbatim report in the Home papers any more satisfaction than is obtainable from the summary. Red tape and formality shackle Labour no less than Conservative and Liberal members of the Cabinet!

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From the British India Steam Navigation Co. the "China Mail" has received a useful ever-sharp pencil.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on a Chinese at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day on pleading guilty to the theft of a pair of trousers, valued at a dollar, the property of an earth-couling in a contractor's yard near the Mong Kok Police Station, Nathan Road. When arrested the thief was wearing the trousers.

The body of a Chinese was seen floating in the harbour toward the Southern Fairway, off the Douglas Wharf, at about noon to-day.

Among passengers leaving on the "Changto" yesterday were Colonel and Mrs. D. E. Evans, Lieut. W. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon, Capt. G. H. Wilkins and Capt. J. H. Haughton.

A charge of harbouring an unmarried Chinese girl, under 21, at 12, Causeway Bay Road, was brought against a Chinese at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day. Hearing of the case was fixed for Saturday at 10.30 a.m.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith the summons against Lum Leung-tong, of 83 Reclamation Street, for failing to provide maintenance for his "kit fat" wife Lau So, of 399, Reclamation Street, was begun.

Remanded from yesterday on a charge of the unlawful possession of 53 cattles of pine branches, a Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day discharged on the ground that he did have a licence for cutting from his own plantation in the New Territory.

Following a dispute with another Chinese at the Shaikwan market yesterday, a Chinese named Leung Wing, residing at No. 36, Main Street, Shaikwan, it is alleged, was wounded in the back by his opponent who used a sharp knife. The wounded man was taken to the hospital.

## RAID ON GROCERY SHOP

**PIG DEALER'S SON LOSES \$100**

**FRIEND ROBBED OF \$52**

The story of an armed robbery in the New Territory has reached Police Headquarters. The victim is Man Cheuk (25) the son of a pig dealer of Taihang village, Taiipo, named Man Yu-tung.

According to the information given by Man Cheuk, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning his father gave him \$100 in bank notes to buy pigs. Man Cheuk left home soon after noon and proceeded to the Luen Loong fish-monger's shop at New Street, Taiipo Market, to look for a friend named Chan Luk to go with him as it was dangerous travelling about alone with so much money.

Man Cheuk met his friend at about 8.45 a.m., and the two engaged a boat at Taiipo-kau to row them to the pig market at Wong-lung-tap. They arrived there soon after noon, but found that there were no pigs for sale. Then they decided to go to the next market town of Ngai-tong-kok, also by boat.

Invited to Play Mah Jong Ngai-tong-kok was reached at about 2.30 p.m. and Man Cheuk's friend took him to the Cheung Lee grocery shop where they made inquiries about pigs. They were again unlucky. They went into the village of Ngai-tong for a time and then returned to the grocery shop, where the master of the shop invited them to play mah jong. Man Cheuk and his friend accepted the invitation and they played until about 8.35 p.m., when the shop was raided by armed men. Four carried daggers and another a stick.

The intruders concentrated their attention on Man Cheuk and his friend. The man with the stick, who appeared to be the leader of the gang, asked Man Cheuk: "Where is the money you have brought to buy pigs?"

When Man Cheuk hesitated, he was struck with the stick. Then both he and his friend were searched by the robbers. Man Cheuk lost all his father's \$100 and some of his own money, whilst his friend, Chan Luk, was relieved of \$25. All the robbers escaped.

## THIEVES' DAGGERS

Displayed in Matched Robbery

Lo King, a carpenter employed by the Tai Luk firm of contractors and living at their matched in Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, has reported an armed robbery to the Police.

He was asleep in the matched at 3.30 a.m. yesterday when he was awakened by two men who had broken in. They both had daggers in their hands, and the lower part of their faces was covered with handkerchiefs. They help up Lo and another folk and relieved them of all their money. Lo lost \$8.40 and his friend \$3.10.

When the robbers left the matched, Lo followed them and saw that they were joined by two other men, who had apparently kept watch outside. All four ran away in the direction of Matauwai.

Members: Kung Ying-yoh, Feng See-hieh and Pang Chi have been admitted to membership in the Shanghai Chinese Bar Association.

## EXCELLENT SHOW AT THEATRE ROYAL

**THE GOVERNOR ATTENDS THIRD NIGHT OF "THE GEISHA"**

**MRS. BOWES-SMITH'S TRIUMPH**

The following criticisms were made last night regarding the 3rd performance of "The Geisha":

Miss Rose du Barry: "Tres Excellent!"

Mr. Cholmondeley Stark: "A gem! A pearl!"

Mrs. Chortley-Winters: "The best since my girlhood."

Dr. Evans Planwith: "A truly delicate case of amateurism. Dose recommended—one quillful of encouragement."

The Rev. Carnegie-Gore: "I was filled with rapture when I caught a glimpse of a eye. A really excellent show. Better than Jonah."

## Honest Effort

It was, after all, almost as good as any amateur performance can be. No indiscriminate praise here; merely the platitude reasserted that honest effort is worth more than pampered professionalism. There is, in truth, so little difference between the amateur and the professional actor that criticism justifies itself. Both perform because they can; because they have "the urge" of the artist, and because they have that curious instinct to parade their charms and talents in public. Well, they are one with Aechylus and Euripides, and we are only too delighted, in this intellectually-starved suburb of the Pacific, to sit out a performance that is not for money.

## Carping Critics

The carping critic will ever nibble at the loose roots, not taking a thing for its value by itself. The Philharmonic's presentation of "The Geisha" is by no means perfect (it would be unpopular if it were), or even of what is known as a "professional standard." But it left upon one an impression of pleasure which a more finished performance hardly could have excelled.

Everything seemed to "go right." There was little prompting, in spite of the fact that one character had taken a prominent role at very short notice. Perhaps a great deal may be attributable to the audience, which was sympathetic.

Indeed, the audience, or part of it, was distinguished. In the circles sat His Excellency and Lady Clementi, and there were also Commodore Hill, the G.O.C., His Excellency Major General Sandilands, representatives of the Senior Service, the Colonels, and several one-pipers.

## Too Restrained

Laughter was a little restrained on occasion, and one had the feeling of being in Church. I do wish our local audiences were more boisterous. Has youth lost its voice? It is an actual fact of theatrical philosophy that an audience can make or mar a show; especially is this so with amateurs, where a little just appreciation acts like diamonds to an angry wife. It bucks them up!

## The Chorus

The ensemble of the chorus was excellent; singing good when swelled by the orchestra; make up and costume leaving nothing to be desired.

The scenery was "effective," and, aided by the limelights, which were cleverly manipulated, gave one a charming impression of a Japanese rural scene.

## The Best Actor

The best actor of the evening was Mr. Archibald Brock as the Marquis Imori. His voice, suitably deep for modulation to gravity and scorn, was always clear and dramatic. One enjoyed his performance immensely, and felt that it contributed to that strange force that keeps a play together. Mr. Maas as Takemini provoked giggles in the stalls, but all the time one had the suspicion that, after all, one really oughtn't to be laughing.

## "Reggie" in Form

Reggie Greensmith endeared himself to the "house" with his interpretation of Wun-hi, but there is still room for improvement in his piddling. But he has promised to do better to-night.

## Mr. Parker

Mr. Parker was at his best in the duet with Miss Lella-Clarke (Molly Seamore) in which she enters the stage with a Waiha. The song was very happily done. In spite of Miss Clarke's quiet voice, she has undeniable charm, and a personality that is aided by a bewitching smile of eyes and mouth.

## Shining Eyes

Mrs. Bowes-Smith (O Mimosa San) looked very happy last night, and as a result her songs were accompanied by a delicious smile and shining eyes. She was perfectly charming as "the best little

Japple" and sang and acted better than she has done before. Mrs. Davidson, who "entered the company at such short notice" to play Lady Constance was admirably at ease, and spoke well and clearly; but she should remember that only a "great actress" can afford to turn her back on the audience whilst speaking, as Lady Constance does to Miss Scott-Harston in Act I. All the "English girls" by the way, were very good indeed, although Miss Stanion has little "life" in her voice. The men in the chorus sang with "ecstasy" and the quartette, headed by Mr. Parker, were very amusing, and one did not mind their inability to sing. The Geisha girls (the Misses Doreen Smith, Nellie Field, Phyllis Hunt and Nina Valentine) were extremely graceful in their dancing and had no difficulty in being coy.

## Wave of the Sea

Miss Evelyn O'Hagan as Nami (wave of the sea) should not be forgotten. Although she does little more than "enter with stool," "bow to Marquis," and speak a few choice words, she does it extremely well and very charmingly. There are several ways of "coming on" and Miss O'Hagan did it the best way. It would be interesting next year to see her in a more important part. Her little squeak when turning round at the Marquis's order is great fun.

## Mrs. Hunt's Genius

Whom have I omitted to mention? Mrs. F. S. Hunt, of course, who has produced the show in the face of enormous difficulties. Her gift is to be admired, but then, she found a very loyal company to help her through. This is not a random pat on the back, but a sincere tribute to one who mastered a difficult situation. Her room after the performance was full of flowers.

## The Orchestra

The play would have enjoyed far less success had it not been for the conductor, Mr. Bakalnikoff, who is an accomplished musician and composer and who has conducted "The Geisha" and "The Gondoliers" in Moscow and Petrograd. Hats off to the Philharmonic—not forgetting those wonderful men the stage managers and the man who "sees them on" and he who "makes them up."

## CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL

**SUCCESSSES OF FORMER PUPILS**

**J. VICKARS AT LIVERPOOL**

J. Vickars, who passed the Matriculation Examination, with honours, of the University of Hong Kong in November, 1927, and who was admitted to Liverpool University last year, has passed the Intermediate Examination (Engineering) of the latter University.

He is secretary of the University Swimming Club and was a member of the University team in the Inter-Universities team race at Cardiff, Liverpool securing second place. He was chosen to play in a water polo match, Northern v. Southern Universities, and is in the second XV Rugby team.

Joyce Raven at Salisbury Joyce Raven, who went to the Godolphin School, Salisbury, has passed the School Certificate Examination, University of Cambridge Local Examinations, in the following subjects:—English, History, Geography, French, oral and written, Arithmetic, Botany, and Music.

## SUSPECTED MURDER

The preliminary report of a case of suspected murder particulars of which are not yet available, reached Police Headquarters this morning from Cheung Chau. The report gave the name of the victim as Kwok Shing-mul (20), a sampan girl. The alleged "murder" was committed on board her craft in Cheung Chau harbour about 10.15 p.m. yesterday.

Three men were stated to have been concerned in the affair, the motive of which is believed to be robbery. The Cheung Chau Police have taken three suspects into custody.

## TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail," December 18, 1919.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 1 1/2.

Dr. Wong Chung-yick has been engaged as medical professor at the Hong Kong University. Dr. Wong was the first name in the list of results of an examination in London for the medical professorship of the University.

Members of the Hong Kong Defence Corps paraded in large numbers at the Cricket Ground last evening before R.E. the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.



## CHRISTIAN REUNION

Canon Streeter's Striking Views

## THE PRIMITIVE CHURCH

In his book, "The Primitive Church," published this year, Canon Streeter says:—

All branches of the Church aspire to follow a primitive and apostolic order; they differ as to what this order was. But suppose there was variety in the early Church? If the Episcopalian, Presbyterian and Independent each preserve a usage really primitive, one grave obstacle to Christian unity has disappeared. That such variety existed is the main contention of this book. It also aims at providing in clear, non-technical language a general introduction to the history and literature of the first hundred years of Christianity.

## Church History Not Dull

The following are extracts from the introduction:—

When I first began to read Theology more than thirty years ago, I found Church History so dull—especially after reading Greek and Roman history for "Greets"—that I dropped the subject, and offered for examination Textual Criticism instead. I discovered later what the matter was; it was not that 'Church' history was dull, but that what was then presented to me as such was not really history. Whether the present volume is dull, or even history, it will be for others to pronounce. I only know that I have enjoyed the writing of it—the hue and cry after new discovery, the following up of hitherto unnoticed clues, the delimitation of conflicting tendencies, the envisaging of interaction between personality and circumstance in testing situations, noting the intermittent ironies emergent in all things human.

The special reference to the Origins of the Christian Ministry was due in the first place to the importance of that topic in relation to the present-day discussion of Christian Reunion. But as my investigations led me to detect the existence of a far greater diversity and variation in Primitive Christianity than is commonly recognised, I came to see in the study of Primitive Church Order the most convenient skeleton, so to speak, round which to form the living body of early Church history. It led me also to a fresh survey of the surviving literature of the first hundred years of Christianity—including the New Testament—as a result of which I seemed to see the several documents in a new way. Each had its special place in the development of the organism, as well as of the thought, of the Christian community; and most of them, though in different ways, exercised a determinative influence on that development. Indeed, unless a writing produced a profound impression on contemporaries—or, like Philomen and 2 and 3 John, bore the name of an outstanding leader—in the circumstances of the early Church it would have little chance of being copied and, therefore, of survival. It is my hope that many who take no special interest in the history of Church organisation may find this book of value as a general introduction to the literature of early Christianity, seen from this point of view. A past age lives in its architecture, its art, and its literature; but where, as in this case, hardly anything remains of the art or architecture, it is the more necessary, if that literature

ture is to be heard again speaking with a living voice, to see it in the right historical framework.

River Church Theologians. For four hundred years theologians of rival churches have armed themselves to battle on the question of the Primitive Church. However great their reverence for scientific truth and historic fact, they have at least hoped that the result of their investigations would be to vindicate Apostolic authority for the type of Church Order to which they were themselves attached. The Episcopalian has sought to find episcopacy, the Presbyterian Presbyterianism, and the Independent a system of Independency, to be the form of Church government in New Testament times. But while each party to the dispute has been able to make out a case for his own view, he has never succeeded in demolishing the case of his opponent. The explanation of this deadlock, I have come to believe, is quite simple. It is the uncriticised assumption, made by all parties to the controversy, that in the first century there existed a single type of Church Order.

The hypothesis of a primitive diversity in Christian institutions may, or may not, succeed in commending itself to the judgment of scholars; but in the meantime it has, at any rate, one merit: it is not likely to add fuel to the flames of ecclesiastical controversy. Indeed, if my hypothesis is correct, then, in the classic words of Alice in Wonderland, "Everyone has won, and all shall have prizes." At any rate, I am entitled to presume that—among those who profess and call themselves Christians—there will be but few of those unfortunates, to whom it is no satisfaction to be right unless they can thereby put others in the wrong.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE

"Through Different Eyes"

## NEW TECHNIQUE TO TALKIES

Another milestone was passed in the development of sound pictures last night when the Fox Movietone all-dialogue play, "Through Different Eyes," was presented at the Queen's Theatre. Entirely aside from its sound perfection, "Through Different Eyes" is a highly dramatic, entertaining production that stands on its own. It is a unique picture in that it tells the story of a murder trial in three different ways—first, as seen by the defence attorney, then the district attorney, and finally as it really happened.

The cast is of unusual excellence, featuring Mary Duncan, Warner Baxter and Edmund Lowe. Miss Duncan will be remembered for her outstanding performances in the recent silent dramas, "The River," "4 Devils" and "Our Daily Bread," as well as her great success on the stage in "The Shanghai Gesture," and other productions.

Baxter and Lowe repeat their sensational success of "In Old Arizona" and establish themselves securely as leaders in the medium of Fox Movietone.

The balance of the large cast is of an unusually high type, and includes such well known players as Earle Foxe, Natalie Moorehead, Donald Callahan, Florence Lake and Sylvia Sidney.

Those who miss "Through Different Eyes" not only will miss a great sound picture, but also will deprive themselves of an evening of wonderful entertainment.

## NEW YORK'S "MAIN STREET"

"The Broadway Melody" Begins To-morrow

Vividly relating the humorous and sad story of a kerosene circuit "sister act" that looked like a winner for the Follies, but flopped in rehearsal, is the theme of "The Broadway Melody," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's spectacular all-talking, all-singing, all-dancing production which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

The story, an original by Edmund Goulding, famous playwright, delves deeply into the private and professional life of the "ever" interesting chorus girls.

Using New York's colourful "main street" as a locale, the author has woven into this spectacular drama the very essence of the stage, with its raciness, audacity, and truthfulness.

Some of the Cast. The cast is headed by Anita Page, and Bessie Love, who appear as small town teenagers.

## RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 and 49 metres:—

Mainly in order to enable patients in those local hospitals equipped with radio to hear the Philharmonic Society's performance, the matinee of "The Geisha" at the Theatre Royal to-day is to be broadcast. The transmission commences at 4.30 p.m.

7.48 p.m.—Weather Report.

9-10.30 p.m.—Programme of Columbia Records supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Ltd.

"Lichens (Dream of Love) No. 2." (Liszt arr. Scar).

"Nocturne in E Flat" (Chopin—Op. 9 No. 2, arr. Scar).

"Shenandoah, Sea Shanty" (E. Tannan).

"The Meistersingers—Prize Song" (Wagner: arr. W. H. Squire).

"Cello Solo by W. H. Squire, Patman."

"Mercenary Mary—Selection—Part 1" (Meyer Friedlander, Conrad & Casar).

"Mercenary Mary—Selection—Part 2" (Friedlander, Conrad, Youmans & Hirsch).

"The 1925" Orchestra.

"Everybody's Melodies, Part 1 & 2" (arr. J. H. Squire).

"Aida—Selection, Part 1 & 2" (Verdi, arr. Tavan).

New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.

"English Medley, one step" (arr. Debroy Somers).

"Sea Song's Medley, one step" (arr. Debroy Somers).

"The Five O'clock Girl—up in the clouds" (Layton and Johnstone).

"Wiener Blut, Waltz" (Johann Strauss—Op. 354).

"Rose of the South, Waltz" (Johann Strauss—Op. 385).

"Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra."

"Czardas" (Monti).

"Madrigals" (Simonetti).

Violin Solo by Yvonne Curti.

"The Mighty Deep" (Jude).

"The Stormcloud" (Weatherly & Roedel).

Norman Allin.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo, Part 1" Bugles of H.M. Royal Horse Guards (Blue) and Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo, Part 2" Trumpeters of H.M. Royal Horse Guards (Blue) and Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo, Part 3" Pipe Band of H.M. Scots Guards.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo, Part 4" (Choir and Band) Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

players, in New York, to show Broadway how it should be done. Miss Page assumes the role of the younger, whose cleverness is merely a presumption. Miss Love as business manager for the act seems destined to land them in the "big time" through the influence of her boy friend, portrayed by Charles King.

However, after being given a tryout, they fail to make the grade. The younger girl is put into the show as a model and the older sister is forced to content herself with a new partner and a booking on the road.

Harry Beaumont, responsible for the direction of "Our Dancing Daughters" and other successes, directed the new picture, the cast of which also includes Kenneth Thompson, Mary Doran, Eddie Kane, Edward Dillon and others.

Colourful Scenes. Practically an entire New York musical revue has been created for the colourful theatre scenes in which a complete musical comedy is unfolded to the tune of specially written numbers. The unique and intricate dance steps incorporated in this revue are perfectly reproduced in synchronised rhythm giving the audience the realism expected of a true musical comedy.

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WARWICK REVUE. Company Opening at Star on Friday.

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The plans are now open at Moutrie's and the Star, and early application for reservations should be made, as the demand is certain to be heavy.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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## THE GEISHA

## EX-GOVERNOR'S END

Sir Ernest Birch Dies In London

London, Yesterday. By a tragic coincidence, and following closely upon the death of the Governor of North Borneo, Mr. J. T. Humphries, the death is reported from London of Sir Ernest Woodford Birch, K.C.M.G., who was Governor of North Borneo in 1901-4. He was afterwards British Resident in Perak 1904-1910.

Sir Ernest Birch was 72 years of age, and entered the Civil Service in 1876.—Reuter.

## TANG'S RETREAT

Peking, Yesterday. It is reliably reported here that Tang Seng-chi has hurriedly evacuated Chengchow, and retreated in the direction of Hsuehchang on the Kihnan Railway, on account of the movement of Shansi troops from Shihchiachuang to Changteh and other places along the north bank of the Yellow River.—Reuter.

## NOT A "RED" RECRUIT

London, Yesterday. Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons that Lord Cecil was "serving at the Foreign Office in a voluntary capacity." Government circles stated that there is not the least likelihood of Lord Cecil joining the Labour Party.—Reuter.

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Miss Gladys Cole, who accompanies Levante, plays delightful music on a huge accordion. Her first programme, at the Majestic Theatre, to-day, will include "Humoresque" and several numbers from the Follies of 1929. Among them will be "The Breakaway," "Walking with Susie," "There You Baby" and "Big City Blues."





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### ARMS IN FALSE BOTTOM

CHINESE JUST RETURNED FROM  
AMERICA

#### CONVICTION RECORDED

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, to-day, an aged and very deaf Chinese who had just returned from the United States, was charged with the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition without a permit.

Yesterday a Chinese Revenue Officer in Connaught Road saw the defendant landing at the Praya from a sampan. He had some luggage which included a wooden box.

The R.O. said he wanted to search the luggage and defendant produced the keys. Nothing was found, but the R.O., suspected that there was a false bottom in the trunk and accordingly handed the defendant over to a European Officer who took him to the Police Station.

At the station, when the false bottom was removed a Winchester rifle, 270 rounds of rifle ammunition, and 178 rounds of revolver ammunition were found.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, son, for the defence, pleaded "guilty" to a technical offence and suggested that the case would be met by the confiscation of the contraband. The defendant was not conversant with local law, he having lived 30 years in the United States. He was returning to his native village because he had heard that his father had been killed by bandits. He was going home to attend to family affairs.

Given by a Friend!  
Just before his departure from America, a friend gave him the box suggesting that he would probably find its contents useful to him in the country. He did not know the contents of the box.

In any case, Mr. d'Almada suggested, defendant was not attempting to smuggle the contraband into the Colony. He was a bona fide traveller who was merely passing through on his way home. Mr. d'Almada also pointed out that the fact that defendant had immediately delivered up the keys to the R.O. showed that he had no guilty knowledge.

Mr. Hamilton: I don't think you can get over that false bottom. I must convict.  
Defendant was fined \$200 or three months' hard labour, and the rifle and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

### CHINESE CAXTONS

#### Cautioned For Printing Without Licences

Two Chinese who were found printing Chinese visiting and New Year greeting cards in the streets were to-day charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham with operating printing presses without licences.

Annually about this time Chinese with small hand presses have taken up stands in the streets in the Chinese section of the city and printed cards for passers-by. This had been going on for a number of years and has almost been regarded as the "regular" thing at the approach of both the European and Chinese New Year. The men were therefore surprised when they were arrested and said so in Court.

The New Law  
The Police made reference to the new Printers' and Publishers' Ordinance and claimed that these street presses came under its provisions.  
Mr. Grantham decided to discharge the defendants with a caution. He explained to them that a licence must be taken out now to operate any printing press, and asked them to inform their fellows about the new law.

### THEFT FROM 'NAFFY'

#### Where Silver Cutlery Goes To

Dismissed for disobedience by the Military Authorities at Stonecutters' Island, a Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, charged with the theft of a silver table-spoon and a fork, the property of the N.A.A.F.I.

Detective-Sergeant Kellet pointed out that for the past two or three months there had been numerous losses sustained by the disappearance of cutlery.

The accused was searched in the ordinary way and the articles were found in his bundle. He had been employed by the Military for three months and a half.

The accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

### FIREMAN'S FALL

#### Injured Whilst Jumping Into Canvas

A nasty accident befell one of the firemen at morning drill to-day in the compound of Kowloon Fire Station, Salisbury Road.

One of the Chinese firemen, stationed at the Mong Kok Fire Station, jumped from the second storey of the fire engine and landed on his back on landing in the canvas net.

He was sent to Kowloon Hospital.

### PAWNBROKER AND THIEF

ORDERED TO RETURN STOLEN  
OVERCOAT

#### 12 STROKES FOR THIEF

A 15-years old Chinese boy was to-day charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham on four separate counts of theft of clothing.

Detective Sergeant Mottram stated that a party of six Chinese detectives were in Queen's Road when they saw the accused get out of a ricksha with an overcoat under his arm and enter a pawnshop.

One of them, followed him in and saw him pawn the coat. The lad was questioned and was unable to prove the ownership of the coat.

At the Central Station accused made several statements which led to the recovery of other stolen property, including two rolls of black cloth, from various pawnshops.

With regard to the overcoat, the Sergeant pointed out that it was pawned for only \$4.50, and suggested that as it was a new coat the pawnshop accountant should have been suspicious when such a small amount was asked for it, and ought to have made some inquiries before accepting it.

Mr. Grantham (to the pawnbroker): Don't you suspect a lad like this having such a good coat?

The pawnbroker replied that the accused had claimed that the coat belonged to his elder brother who had asked him to pawn it for him. His Worship ordered the pawnbroker to return the overcoat without compensation, and convicted the lad.

Sergeant Mottram then said that the boy had come to Hong Kong from Macao only a week ago, but in spite of his short stay here the Police were were able to trace as many as 19 cases of larceny to him. He had apparently gone from place to place pilfering anything that he could lay hand on.

The Magistrate ordered the lad to receive 12 strokes.

### EUROPEAN ROBBED

#### White Blanket Stolen From Roof

Being discharged from jail only at the end of October a Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day charged with stealing a white woollen blanket, the property of Mr. R. A. Trengrove, Revenue Officer, 244, Nathan Road.

The accused was seen wrapping up the blanket, which was hanging on the roof with another one to dry. He was chased by the amah, and the shouts of "thief" aroused a Chinese watchman who, together with the amah, found the thief concealed in a dark corner at the bottom of the stairway.

Accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

### OLD WARRANT

#### Used To Impersonate A Constable

A Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day fined \$25 with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour, on being convicted on a charge of taking on the designation of a police constable.

It was stated that he went to 544, Shanghai Street, and there demanded money. He had with him an old search warrant, being a paper of Original Jurisprudence of the Supreme Court.

The defendant said that he was a little drunk at the time of the offence.

A Chinese detective who arrested him said that he told him that he was interpreter to Sanitary Officer No. 13.

The warrant, it was alleged, was picked up by the defendant in the road.

### CAT BURGLAR

#### Falls Into Arms Of A Policeman

"He very near approached his burglary."

Thus said Sub-Inspector James at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day when a Chinese was charged with the theft of some clothing from a widow living in Fuk Chuen Street.

He was seen by a policeman to throw the clothes down from the verandah and when he came down by the water-spout much to his surprise, he fell into the arms of the vigilant policeman.

The accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

### BULGARIAN MINISTERS

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Bulgarian Foreign Minister and the Bulgarian Finance Minister arrived in London last evening. They were met by representatives of the Foreign Secretary and the British Ambassador.

### HONG KONG CLUB COOLIE JAILED

STOLEN CLOTHES SENT TO THE  
LAUNDRY

#### SERVANTS ALSO VICTIMISED

A Chinese who was stated to have worked as a coolie at the Hong Kong Club at a wage of \$18, was to-day charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham with the theft of clothing from the servants' quarters at the Club. He pleaded "guilty."

Detective Sergeant Kennedy stated that accused had worked at the Club for a few months. Recently \$2 was stolen from the cashier's cash box, and inquiries made by the clerk and staff led them rightly to suspect the accused. As the result he was called upon to resign.

He did so, and on Monday morning, after he had received his wages he went to the servants' quarters to collect his things and at the same time he stole every thing belonging to other servants that he could pack into his basket.

When the thefts were discovered, the staff again suspected accused and took steps to find him. Eventually he was intercepted in Connaught Road near the Western Market. He was carrying his basket which was found to contain several pieces of stolen clothing.

Accused was then taken to the Central Station where he was searched. On him were found several pawn tickets relating to other articles of clothing which had been given to him to take to the laundry. Instead of doing so, he had pawned them. The total value of stolen property, all of which had been recovered, was \$100.

The Magistrate passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

### FAMOUS HORSES GO TO HOLLAND

#### TEAM OF MARES PRESENTED TO QUEEN WILHELMINA

#### HUNGARY'S GRATITUDE

Budapest, Yesterday.  
Count Bentinck, Master of the Horse at the Dutch Court, recently inspecting a famous Hungarian stud of Mezhgyes with a view to purchasing the bloodstock for the Royal stables, was very impressed with four coal black mares of the Nonius strain, a breed introduced in Hungary during the Napoleonic wars. The team, however, was not for sale, but the Ministry of Agriculture, on a happy inspiration, offered them to Queen Wilhelmina as a token of Hungary's gratitude to the Queen for having been instrumental in saving the lives of thousands of needy Hungarian children by giving them free holidays in Holland. Wilhelmina has accepted the gift.—Reuter.

### SHANGHAI COURT

Nanking, Yesterday.  
The ninth meeting of the Shanghai Court Reorganisation was held at 10 o'clock this morning; opinions were freely exchanged between Chinese and foreign delegates. Pending receipt of instructions from the latter's ministers, there will be no meeting till December 19.—Canton News Agency.

### EXCHANGES

#### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—  
Bank, wire ..... 1/8 3/4  
Bank, on demand ..... 1/8 1/16  
Bank, 30 days' sight ..... 1/8 1/16  
Bank, 4 months' sight ..... 1/8 1/16  
Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 1/9  
Documentary 4 months' sight ..... 1/9 3/4  
On Paris—  
On demand ..... 103 7/8  
Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 111 1/2  
On Berlin—  
On demand ..... 40 1/2  
On New York—  
On demand ..... 40 1/2  
Credits, 30 days' sight ..... 42 1/2  
On Bombay—  
On demand ..... 111 1/2  
On Calcutta—  
On demand ..... 111 1/2  
On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 72  
On Manila—  
On demand ..... 81 1/2  
On Shanghai—  
On demand ..... 78 1/2  
On day's sight (private paper) ..... 80  
On Yokohama—  
On demand ..... 80  
Gold Leaf 100 fine ..... 112 1/2  
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... 112 1/2  
Silver (per oz.) ..... 22 1/2

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Stock.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom	Dividend.
<b>Banks.</b>					
Hong Kong Bank ...	...	...	1815	...	£3 Int. 1929
(Lon. Reg.) ...	...	...	124	...	7 1/2 Int. 1929
Chartered Bank ...	...	...	181	...	9 1/2 Int. 1929
Messageries M. & L. ...	...	...	181	...	9 1/2 Int. 1929
Do. ...	...	...	181	...	9 1/2 Int. 1929
Bank of Asia ...	...	...	95	...	9 1/2 Int. 1929
<b>Insurance.</b>					
Canton Ins. ...	...	...	595	...	\$10 (Final Int. 1929)
Union Ins. ...	...	...	357	...	\$2 (Final Int. 1929)
Yangtze Ins. ...	...	...	160	...	\$3.50 Int. 1929
China Underwriters ...	...	...	250	...	...
China Fire Ins. ...	...	...	310	...	\$18 (Final Int. 1929)
H. K. Fire Ins. ...	...	...	315	...	49 Int. 1929
<b>Shipping.</b>					
Douglases ...	...	...	27 1/2	...	4 Int. 1929
H. K. Steamships ...	...	...	27 1/2	...	12 (for 1929) 10 1/2 - 1929 6 1/2
Indo-China (Pref.) ...	...	...	10	...	5 - 1929 6 1/2
(Def.) ...	...	...	70	...	5 - 1929 6 1/2
Shell Transport ...	...	...	25 1/2	...	5 - 1929 6 1/2
Union Waterboats ...	...	...	32	...	1.50 Int. 1929
<b>Mining.</b>					
Benguet ...	...	...	170	...	0.25 Int. 1929
Kailan Mining Ad. ...	...	...	55 1/2	...	2 1/2 Int. 1929-30
Langkat (Con.) ...	...	...	18.00	...	18.00
(Single) ...	...	...	1	...	10.60 Int. 1929-30
S'hai Exploration ...	...	...	1.30	...	70.75 Int. 1929
Leit ...	...	...	5	...	Int. 1/5 1929-30
Rauba ...	...	...	11.20	...	4 1/2 Int. 1929
Trenoh Mines ...	...	...	21 1/2	...	...
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.</b>					
H. K. & K. Wharves ...	...	...	145	...	8 Int. 1929
H. K. & W. Docks ...	...	...	32	...	4 Int. 1929
China Wharves ...	...	...	3 1/2	...	1.20 Int. 1929
Hongkong ...	...	...	190	...	78 Int. 1929
N. Engineering ...	...	...	71	...	0.40 Int. 1929
Shanghai Docks ...	...	...	100	...	7.4 Int. 1929-30
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>					
Ewo Cottons ...	...	...	14.40	...	14 1/2 Int. 1929
S'hai Cottons (old) ...	...	...	...	...	27.50 Int. 1929-30
(new) ...	...	...	...	...	11.25 Int. 1929-30
Zooag Sings ...	...	...	...	...	10.00 Int. 1929-30
<b>Lands, Hotels &amp; Buildings.</b>					
H. K. & S. Hotels ...	...	...	11 1/2	...	1.20 Int. 1929
H. K. Lands ...	...	...	64 1/2	...	2 Int. 1929
Shanghai Lands ...	...	...	101	...	78 Int. 1929
Humphreys ...	...	...	14 1/2	...	1 Int. 1929
H. K. Realities ...	...	...	7.90	...	0.80 Int. 1929
Chinese Estates ...	...	...	38	...	4 Int. 1929-30
<b>Public Utilities.</b>					
H. K. Tramways ...	...	...	118.25	...	0.50 Int. 1929
Peak Tram (old) ...	...	...	...	...	\$1.00 Int. 1929-30
(new) ...	...	...	...	...	0.50 Int. 1929-30
Star Ferry ...	...	...	...	...	3.50 Int. 1929
Ch. Light (old) ...	...	...	17 1/2	...	0.25 Int. 1929-30
(new) ...	...	...	...	...	5 1/2 Int. 1929-30
H. K. Electric ...	...	...	0.48	...	2.50 Int. 1929
Macao ...	...	...	23	...	...
Sandakan Light ...	...	...	2 1/2	...	0.10 Int. 1929
H. K. Telephones ...	...	...	7.80	...	10.00 Int. 1929
China Buses ...	...	...	1.94	...	...
S'pore Tractors (old) ...	...	...	10 1/2	...	1 - 1929
(Pref.) ...	...	...	19 1/2	...	...
<b>Industrials.</b>					
China Sugars ...	...	...	30 1/2	...	In liquidation
Malayan Sugars ...	...	...	...	...	1929
Cald. Mag. Ord. ...	...	...	...	...	...
Pref. ...	...	...	...	...	...
Canton Ice ...	...	...	18.25	...	...
Cement (com.) ...	...	...	10 1/2	...	0.80 Int. 1929
(old) ...	...	...	...	...	0.30 Int. 1929
(new) ...	...	...	...	...	1.25 Int. 1929
H. K. Ropes ...	...	...	7 1/2	...	...
United Asbestos ...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Stores, &amp;c.</b>					
Dairy Farms ...	...	...	30 1/2	...	1.25 Int. 1929
Witboos ...	...	...	13	...	0.80 Int. 1929-30
Der A. Wings ...	...	...	30 1/2	...	...
Lane Crawford ...	...	...	1.85	...	0.90 Int. 1929-30
MacIntosh ...	...	...	18	...	2 Int. 1929-30
Sincores ...	...	...	12	...	1 - 1929
Wm. Powell ...	...	...	2 1/2	...	0.25 Int. 1929-30
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>					
H. K. Amusement ...	...	...	28 1/2	...	2.50 Int. 1929-30
Do. Deformed ...	...	...	...	...	1.50 Int. 1929-30
H. K. Construction ...	...	...	...	...	...
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds ...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans ...	...	...	4 1/2	...	...

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Copper Cash	Nominal	Oslo	18.205
Copper Cents	8% prem.	Vienna	34.86
Rate of Native Inter-		Prague	164 1/2
est	7% p.a.	Helsingfors	194 1/2
Chinese Sub. Coin	23 1/2% dis.	Madrid	36.20
Hong-Kong Sub. Coin	1 1/2% prem.	Lisbon	108.25
		Athens	875
		Bucharest	818
		Rio	5 9/16
		Buenos Aires	46 1/16
		Bombay	1/5 25/32
		Singhai	3/2 1/2
		Hong Kong	1/8 1/2
		Yokohama	2/0 3/32
		Silver Spot	22 1/2
		Silver Forward	22 7/16
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<b>LONDON EXCHANGES</b>			
	<b>London Yesterday</b>		
Paris	128.94		
New York	438 1/2/32		
Brussels	54.865		
Geneva	25.095		
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2		
Milan	85.24		
Berlin	20.882		



# World News In Pictures

Is He Heir To Her Ills?



Mrs. Ethelwynne Merz, radium poison victim, and her son, Edward, six, to whom she fears she has transmitted the incurable malady. On his account she is one of the plaintiffs in a \$500,000 suit against the United States Radium Corporation.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary



Some graduates of the Morning Star School, Sicawei, photographed recently on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the school. Miss Mero Lydia is in the centre of the group.

Evangelist In Court

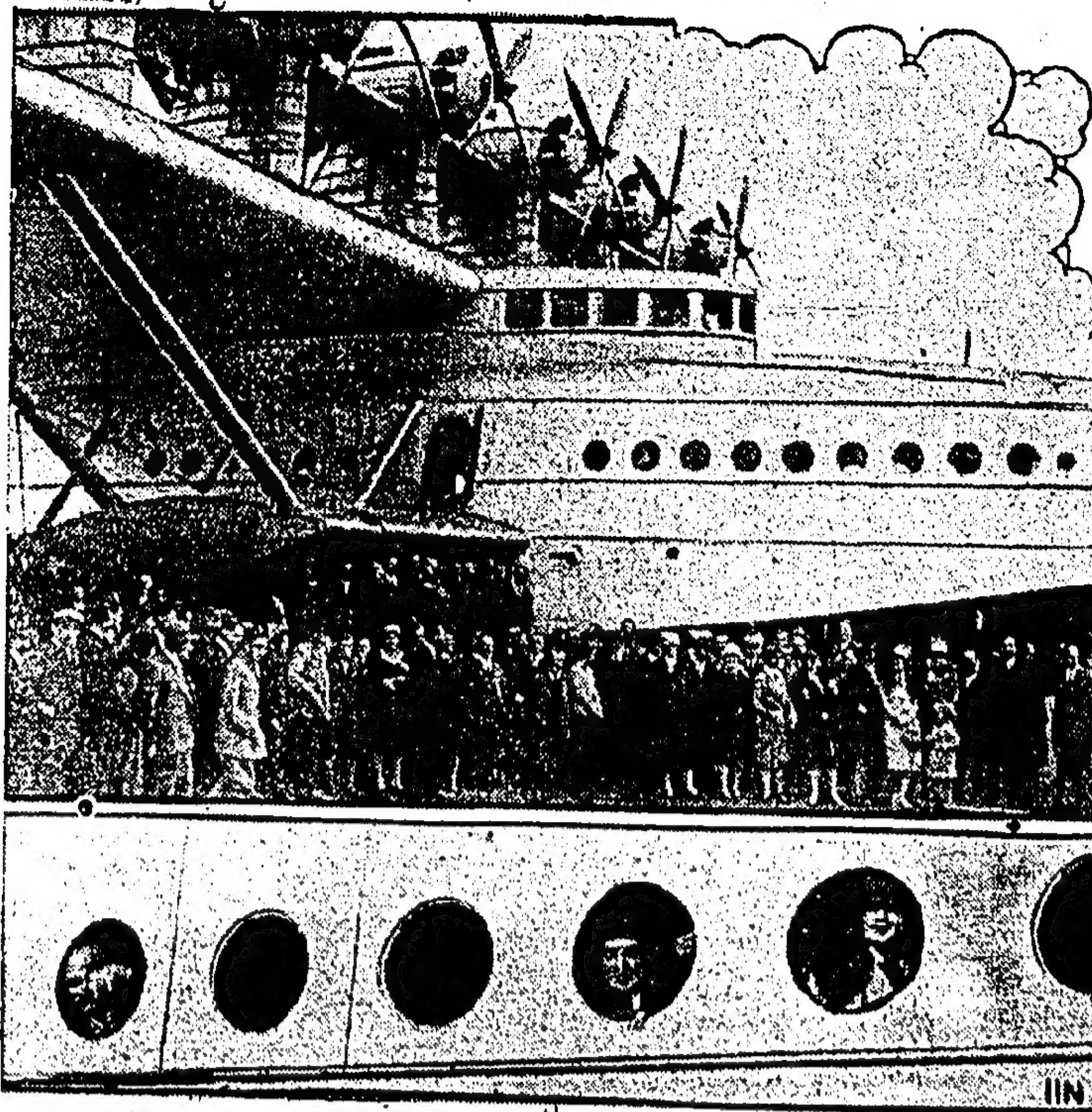


Aimée Semple McPherson was called before the Grand Jury at Los Angeles to testify about her handling of Angelus Temple finances. According to Deputy District Attorney Beecher, the evangelist will be interrogated further about a mysterious bank account she kept in a suburban bank under the name of "Johnson."

St. Barbe's Day Dinner

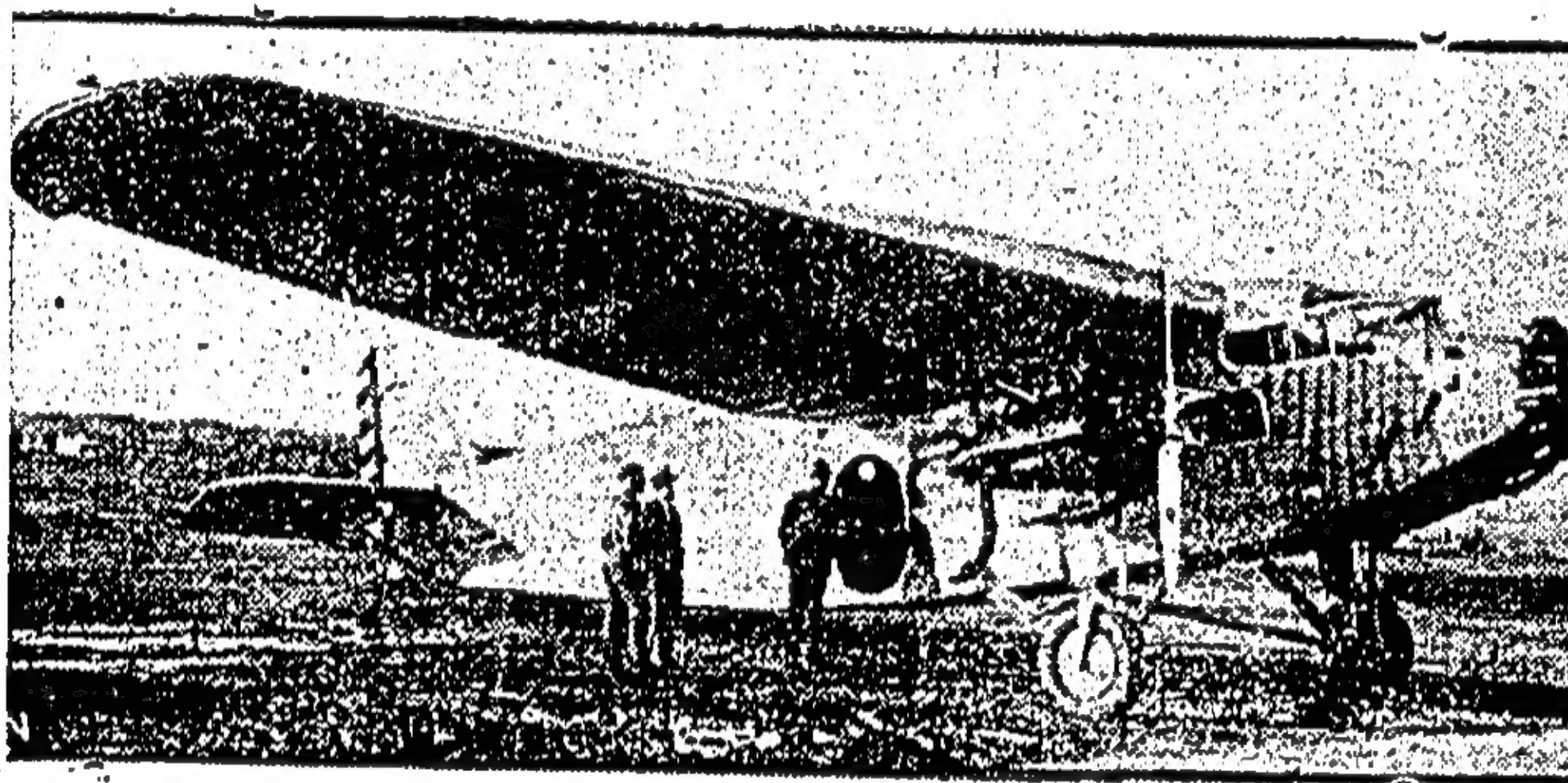


Latest Monster of the Air



The huge multiple-motored plane "De-X" soared aloft at Friedrichshafen with 160 people aboard. This is the greatest number of people ever carried by any type of aircraft before. The plane contains a large salon, 21 feet long and 10 feet wide, a smoking room and cabins with steel furniture for seventy-two passengers. The picture shows the monster of the air prior to the take-off, with the admiring crowds standing beside the latest man-made flying palace. Below is depicted the passengers enjoying the thrilling experience of viewing the world through the port holes.

New Robot 'Plane A Success



Above is the new "robot" plane which swooped down on Bolling Field, Washington, after having made a flight from Dayton, Ohio, without anyone touching the controls except to take off and land. The automatic pilot has demonstrated his ability to steer a true course.

Headed First Expedition



The first American Archaeological Expedition to Central Europe has returned with plenty material of by-gone days, which will be divided between the Peabody Museum and the University of Pennsylvania Museum. Vladimir J. Fowkes of the University of Pennsylvania was Director of the Expedition. This is the first time an expedition from the United States has undertaken Archaeological work in Central Europe.

Harry K. Thaw



(Above). — During sessions of his trial in New York, Harry K. Thaw, watched a hasty luncheon in a cafe, near by. Thaw was sued by Maria Estardus, dancer, who says he gave her a "spanking" during a party. She was given a \$75,000 verdict.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL  
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CONTINENT

GAINS AND LOSSES

The Oxford correspondent of the  
"Morning Post" (London) wrote on  
November 1:

Sir Michael Sadler, Master of  
University College, speaking last  
night to the Charles Fox Association  
here on "Public Schools and the  
State," said that Mr. Bernard  
Shaw and others had recently ex-  
pressed views implying that it was  
useless to look for individual initia-  
tive in the English Public Schools.  
"The experience of most people  
here," said Sir Michael, "is that  
the intellectual elite of the Univer-  
sity, with some exceptions, are men  
who have been scholars at the  
Public Schools. But all of us who  
have to examine for college en-  
trance examinations know that a  
large number of boys who come up  
from the Public Schools, although  
they are excellent fellows and have  
good judgment, yet are mere babies  
in the expression of their ideas on  
paper."

That was, Sir Michael continued,  
quite different from the results ob-  
tained by the German Gymnasiums  
and the best of the French Lycées,  
yet, on the other hand, the English  
boy had learned much which the  
German and the French boy had  
perhaps not had time to learn.

## Less Criticism To-day

"I think that, on the whole, there  
is less criticism of our Public  
Schools now than at any time with-  
in my memory," he said. "My im-  
pression is that, although boys at  
Public Schools care very much  
about athletics, their interest in  
athletics is less absorbing than it  
was twenty years ago, in spite of  
the fact that the newspapers give  
so much attention to Public School  
sport."

"Great changes were brought in  
English Public Schools in the past  
through the pressure of public  
criticism, and the change was made  
in each case by the self-sacrificing  
effort of a headmaster of genius."

"It would be less easy to-day for  
a headmaster of genius to work out  
his ideas than it was twenty years  
ago, because the schools have be-  
come so costly to run that it is  
dangerous to risk losing a large at-  
tendance of boys."

Too little attention was given, he  
thought, when engaging assistant  
masters for Public Schools, to as-  
certaining whether they had any  
strong intellectual interest, and  
whether they were capable of keep-  
ing order in a class, and had any  
notion of teaching. If England be-  
came more closely connected with  
the international affairs of the  
Continent there would be a demand  
for a system of teaching modern  
languages in English schools as  
good as that which existed in many  
countries of the Continent.

## Press Opinion

"The Morning Post" publishes  
the following comments:

It has long been the fashion  
among our intelligentsia to poke  
fun at the English public school  
system. Only recently Mr. Bernard  
Shaw made the discovery—for  
about the tenth time in his career  
—that our public schools are quite  
out of date because they "suppress  
individual initiative." One cannot  
help thinking, on occasions, that  
Mr. Shaw would have profited con-  
siderably had he been subjected as  
a youth to a little more suppression,  
but that is a matter of opinion.  
Meanwhile, critics come and pass,  
while the public schools stand four-  
square against all attacks. Why?  
Sir Michael Sadler, in an address  
at Oxford last night before the  
Charles Fox Association, admitted  
that many boys who came up to the  
University from public schools were  
"mere babies in the expression of  
their ideas on paper," yet they were  
all "excellent fellows" and possessed  
the saving merit of "good judg-  
ment." These are not bad creden-  
tials for a boy setting out on life's  
highroad—and in this instance they  
do not stand alone.

## Fashioning Character

The strength of the English  
Public School system lies in the  
opportunity which it gives for  
fashioning character. Each school  
is a microcosm of the greater world  
without, and from an early age each  
member of this microcosm learns  
the lesson of subjugating his per-  
sonal desires and aspirations in the  
interests of the social nucleus in  
which he finds himself. At an age  
when other children are still tied  
to the family apron-strings, he be-  
comes a member of a society with  
a corporate life, with cherished  
traditions, and with codes of con-  
duct and taste which shape his out-  
look and fit him for proper advance-  
ment in the greater world if he has  
proved worthy in the lesser. En-  
couraged to organize and adminis-  
ter school discipline, he begins to  
learn the art of government even  
before he reaches the highest form,  
and almost unconsciously assumes  
that natural gift for leadership  
which continues to embellish our  
best work as an Imperial Power.

CURATE AS THE CO-  
RESPONDENTSURGEON'S UNHAPPY  
MARRIAGE

JUDGE ON A 'WILD ASSOCIATION'

In the Divorce Court, London, be-  
fore the President, Lord Merrivale,  
the hearing was concluded of the  
petition by Mr. William Moir  
Webster Shepherd, a surgeon, of  
Thorne-road, Doncaster, for the  
dissolution of his marriage with  
Mrs. Constance Emmeline Shep-  
herd, on the ground of her alleged  
adultery with the Rev. Thomas  
Bertram Powell, formerly senior  
curate at Doncaster Parish Church.

The allegations were denied by  
both Mrs. Shepherd and Mr.  
Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd were  
married in 1920, and there were  
two children. Lord Merrivale,  
granting a decree nisi and the  
custody of the children to Mr.  
Shepherd, said that the parties were  
married in 1920. For a year they  
were very happy together. But ap-  
parently just before the second  
child was born, in 1922, the rela-  
tions between the parties became  
unhappy. That unhappiness went  
on increasing year by year, and by  
1925 a state of things was reached  
which involved very great misery.

By 1928, said Lord Merrivale, the  
parties were in such relations that  
the wife went home, and after  
negotiations for a separation by  
agreement, as a result of inquiries  
which the husband had made, the  
present suit was filed for a dissolu-  
tion of marriage on the ground that  
Mrs. Shepherd had committed  
adultery with Mr. Powell.

"To add to the gravity of the  
case," his Lordship continued, "the  
co-respondent, a Clerk in Holy  
Orders, was at the material times  
holding duties in that capacity, at  
one time in Doncaster and at an-  
other time in Paris. The respon-  
dent at the present time apparently  
is about 35, the petitioner about  
40, and the co-respondent about 36.

## Husband's Remonstrances

"In 1927 the co-respondent was a  
curate at Doncaster, and he be-  
came introduced into the peti-  
tioner's house. What is said is that  
from the very commencement of  
that time the respondent conceived  
a guilty attachment for the co-  
respondent, and it rapidly  
developed; that he was con-  
stantly at the house; and that on  
occasions there was conduct on her  
part with regard to him which,  
when it comes to be examined,  
manifests an improper attitude on  
her part towards the co-respond-  
ent."

Lord Merrivale said that the hus-  
band had remonstrated about the  
association with Mr. Powell, and  
had asked whether he was always  
to have that man dragging at his  
heels. He made inquiries among the  
servants, and they informed him  
that the relations between the  
respondent and the co-respondent  
in the marital home had been of  
such a kind that it was almost in-  
evitable to assume that there was  
an adulterous intimacy between  
them.

Each had gone into the witness  
box and on oath had declared in-  
nocence of adultery.

"What I really have to determine  
is whether this association, to  
which the co-respondent gave him-  
self up day after day, week after  
week, evening after evening—gave  
himself to the wild association with  
a married woman, living on terms  
of bitter hostility with her husband  
—was a guilty association."

"Whether adultery took place on  
a particular occasion is not the  
question, but it was an improper  
and wrongful and guilty associa-  
tion, and it developed."

The President said that he could  
come to no other conclusion than  
that the relationship between these  
parties was a guilty relationship,  
and he granted Mr. Shepherd a de-  
crece nisi (as stated), with costs and  
the custody of the children.



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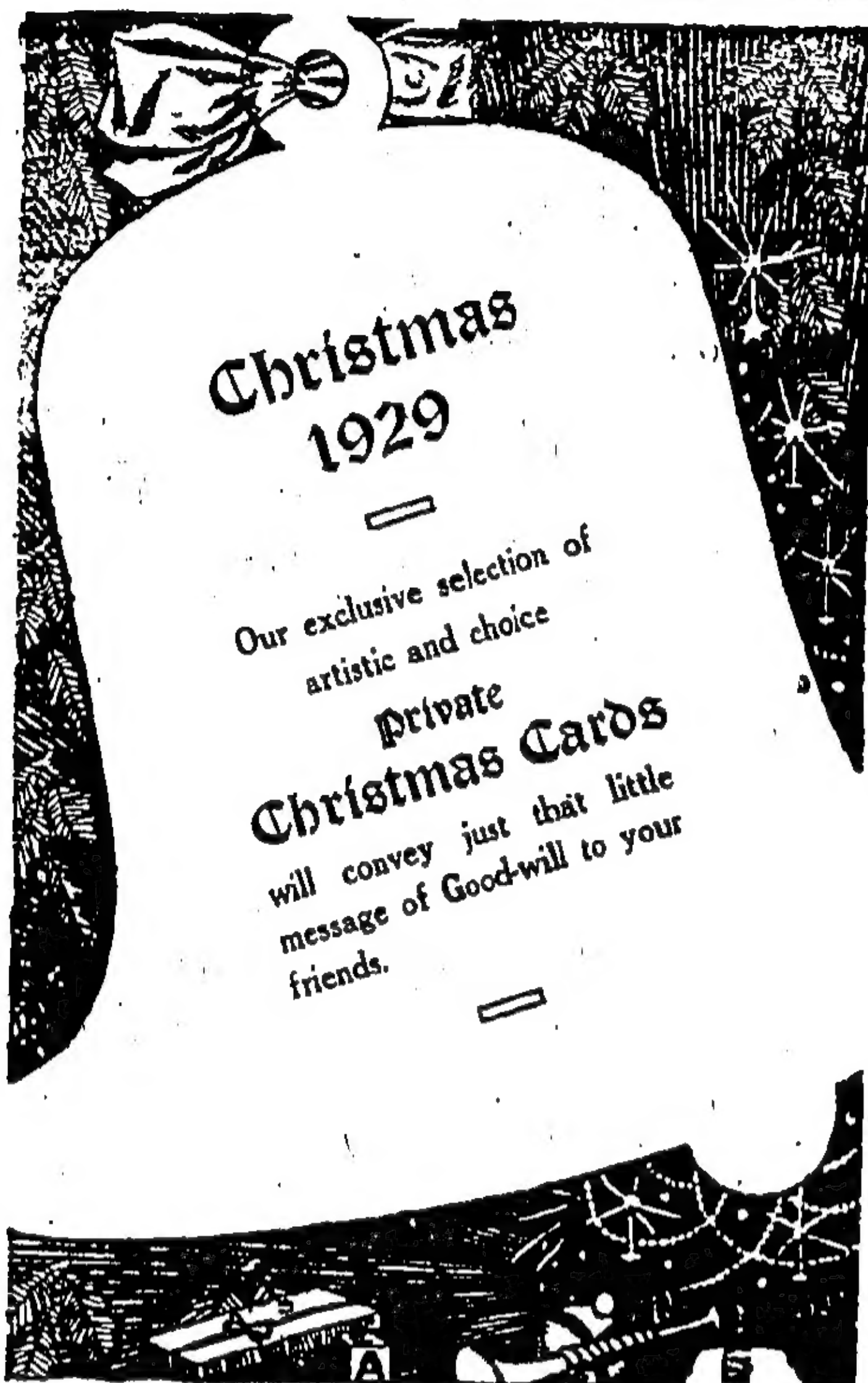
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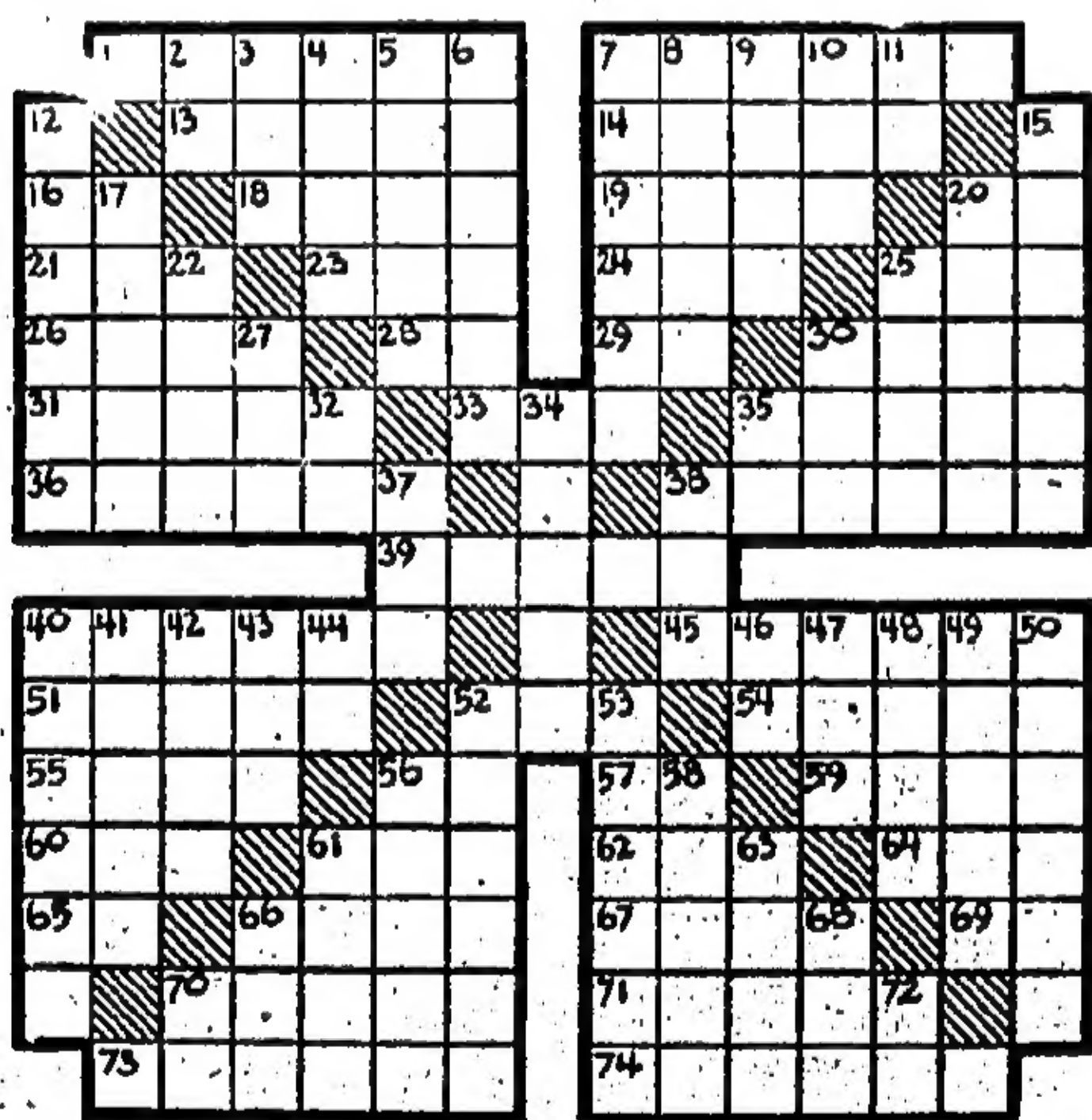
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-A territory of the United States
  - 2-A division of N. America
  - 3-Sail
  - 4-To spring forth
  - 5-Egyptian sun-god
  - 6-Part of the head (pl.)
  - 7-Girl's name
  - 8-Close to
  - 9-To call out
  - 10-Not high
  - 11-A charm or fetish (West Indies)
  - 12-A narrow way
  - 13-A Hebrew minor prophet
  - 14-Old English (abbr.)
  - 15-Ruffia, like
  - 16-To separate
  - 17-A type of architecture
  - 18-The mottled streak in mahogany
  - 19-A head-dress worn by women
  - 20-Railway up
  - 21-A Christmas hymn
  - 22-A rest for a picture
  - 23-A greenhouse
  - 24-McV. Rust
  - 25-A French verb
  - 26-Record of an action
  - 27-A beast of burden
  - 28-Quarrel in
  - 29-A French verb
  - 30-A French verb
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 31-Combining form "part"
  - 32-Like
  - 33-Prank—a form of "fun"
  - 34-Foundations
  - 35-A nocturnal mammal
  - 36-A letter of the alphabet
  - 37-Tuesday (abbr.)
  - 38-To observe
  - 39-Decimeter (abbr.)
  - 40-Narrow strip of woven fabric
  - 41-Mountain between Europe and Asia
  - 42-Senior (abbr.)
  - 43-Gone up
  - 44-An exclamation from a child
  - 45-To be indignant at
  - 46-A stringed piano
- VERTICAL**
- 1-Orderly arrangement
  - 2-A defensive
  - 3-A city in Vermont
  - 4-Old time
  - 5-A narrow way
  - 6-Thus (Latin)
  - 7-A deep hole
  - 8-Care (abbr.)
  - 9-A fertile spot in a desert
  - 10-Chemical symbol for manganese
  - 11-Ocean
  - 12-A wing
  - 13-The Greek letter tau
  - 14-At right angles to
  - 15-A ship's keel
  - 16-Salt
  - 17-Interjection
  - 18-Guinea (abbr.)
  - 19-A musical note
  - 20-A bone of the body
  - 21-A date in old Roman calendar
  - 22-Valid
  - 23-To over
  - 24-To scout
  - 25-One of the planets
  - 26-American bogie
  - 27-A safe
  - 28-Ty light
  - 29-A sample point
  - 30-It is contracted
  - 31-All day
  - 32-A musical note
  - 33-North latitude

## JAPAN AND NAVAL STRENGTH

ADEQUATE TONNAGE FOR DEFENCE AT HOME

THE 70 PER CENT. RATIO

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Wakatsuki has made a statement that Japan felt entitled to a minimum naval strength, which would be "insufficient for attack, and only adequate for defence in home waters." Japan wanted 70 per cent. of the naval strength of Great Britain or the United States in auxiliary craft as a whole. No reference to any category is understood.

This means that Japan at the Naval Conference will seek to divide her 70 per cent. strength as she chooses, within certain limits, conforming to her defensive needs. For example, it might mean that although she is allowed 70 per cent. of the cruiser tonnage of the Great Powers, Japan might ask the Conference to approve a plan whereby she can reach only 60 per cent. of the strength of Great Britain or the United States in the cruiser category and allocate the remaining tonnage to submarines.

Later. Interviewers of Mr. Wakatsuki gathered that Japan will be willing to make considerable concessions in other categories in order to keep what she considers her minimum defensive armaments in submarines and 10,000 ton cruisers. It is also intimated that 80,000 tons of submarines, or approximately Japan's present undersea strength, will be offered as a minimum in London.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. Tete-A-Tete. Washington, Yesterday. The first exchange of views between Japanese and United States naval delegates was held privately at Mr. Stimson's home.—Reuter's American Service.

## DRUG TRAFFIC

Six Women Detained At Zurich

Geneva, Yesterday. Six women and two men have been detained by the police at Zurich in connection with the drug traffic. Those arrested included one of the ringleaders of the organization, which is said to have bought cocaine at 800 to 1,200 francs a kilogramme, and sold it at ten to twenty francs a gramme.

The proprietor of the chemical laboratory at Zurich, and one of his assistants, who have been arrested, were in relations with the chemist arrested at Bale, and apparently traded chiefly to Italy and the East.

Two alleged traffickers have been arrested in Trieste by request of the Swiss authorities.—Reuter.

## THE ORIGIN OF 'FLU

Discovery Of The Germ Claimed

Chicago, Yesterday. Commenting on the widespread interest aroused in the United States and Great Britain by the claim of Professor Isadore Falk of Chicago University to have discovered the influenza germ, the "American Medical Association Journal" denounces the claim as "unwarranted."

It says, "There is little or no evidence in scientific or medical literature to indicate that Falk has progressed any further towards the solution of this problem than workers in other parts of the world have done now or in the past."

Shown a copy of the journal Professor Falk remarked "Full evidence of my discovery will shortly be published."—Reuter.

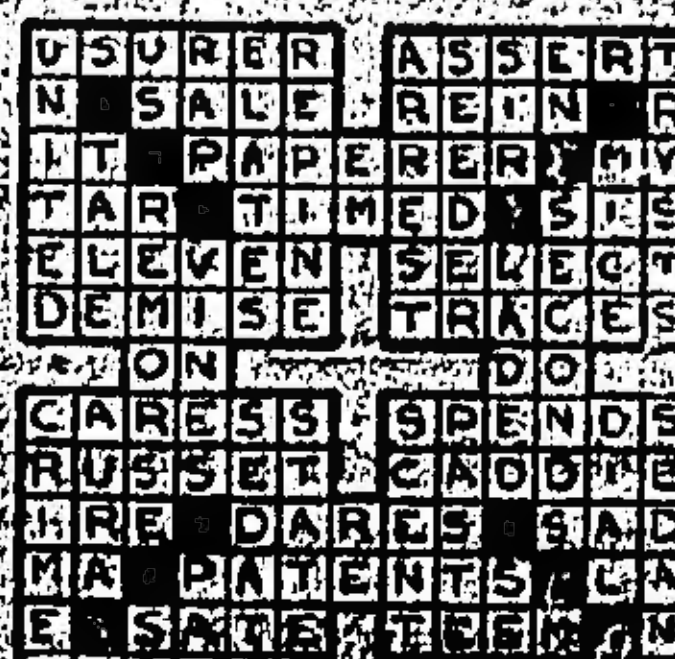
## NEGRO HERO

Saves Girls From Raging Fire

Baltimore, Yesterday. Four people are dead and 7 were injured in a fire in a newspaper works here today.

A negro saved a party of girls trapped on the fire escape owing to the sliding ladder sticking. The negro climbed up amid the flames and pounded the ladder loose with a hammer.—Reuter's American Service.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY

STORAGE DECREASING IN ISLAND

CONSUMPTION STATIONARY

The "China Mail" is officially informed that the total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday morning amounted to 1,410.44 million gallons, showing a decrease of 44.93 million gallons during the past week. The amount collected from streams was 2.84 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.77 million gallons.

In Kowloon. The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday morning amounted to 488.29 million gallons, showing a decrease of 6.61 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 27.24 million gallons, not including 1.87 million gallons supplied to water boats at Lai-chikok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 22.50 million gallons.

Storage.

The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	328.38	185.81
" 29	327.58	117.44
May 6	311.72	121.65
" 13	309.34	125.34
" 20	283.97	115.90
" 27	261.03	102.18
June 3	237.90	87.96
" 10	212.71	85.91
" 17	192.76	80.51
" 24	177.59	100.28
" 1	175.54	114.37
July 8	157.79	105.52
" 15	352.07	207.31
" 22	460.22	277.00
" 29	993.80	397.04
Aug. 5	1,251.86	438.58
" 12	1,355.64	442.39
" 19	1,515.84	452.35
" 26	1,789.09	461.41
Sept. 2	1,978.13	487.96
" 9	1,914.62	495.71
" 16	1,909.81	499.35
" 23	1,881.01	501.32
" 30	1,884.24	519.80
Oct. 7	1,880.13	514.98
" 14	1,839.04	515.08
" 21	1,794.29	514.87
" 28	1,749.59	514.61
Nov. 4	1,689.68	514.64
" 11	1,655.60	515.45
" 18	1,608.73	514.78
" 25	1,581.20	505.89
Dec. 2	1,514.50	499.54
" 9	1,464.37	489.90
" 16	1,410.44	483.29

Consumption.

The following figures show the weekly consumption (million gallons) on the dates mentioned:

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	37.55	20.76
" 29	37.59	29.43
May 6	39.08	37.17
" 13	30.57	25.07
" 20	31.93	25.06
" 27	38.86	25.38
June 3	27.46	24.86
" 10	27.37	19.59
" 17	30.18	14.04
" 24	27.14	11.08
July 1	27.21	20.71
" 8	27.25	19.91
" 15	28.77	17.87
" 22	25.32	23.25
" 29	31.53	22.31
Aug. 5	31.35	25.17
" 12	38.27	28.23
" 19	39.86	25.88
" 26	51.47	26.91
Sept. 2	50.36	27.62
" 9	51.47	27.29
" 16	57.25	28.23
" 23	58.41	28.67
" 30	57.20	29.09
Oct. 7	54.90	26.70
" 14	55.16	26.97
" 21	54.80	28.62
" 28	54.29	27.19
Nov. 4	54.22	26.81
" 11	61.55	26.87
" 18	48.87	26.45
" 25	45.53	26.78
Dec. 2	46.90	26.54
" 9	47.45	27.11
" 16	47.77	27.24

## CONSULS RETURN

Generals Say It Is Too Dangerous

Tokyo, Yesterday. Rengo's correspondent from Mientuho says that after three days' fruitless parleying at Mientuho the Consuls' train decided to return to Cubatu, in compliance with the entreaties of the Chinese military officials, who report fighting between Chinese troops and Red cavalry near Yakasu, by which Mientuho is endangered.

Messages from Harbin state that according to Haller reports the Chinese soldiers during the general retreat in November looted the "China Thrift Investment Bank" allegedly an American capitalised institution. They murdered the manager and his wife.

Although the reports do not specify it is believed the victims are not American citizens, but either Chinese or White Russians.—Reuter.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18	
Saigon	Anges
Java via Batavia	Tjikembang
Shanghai and Swatow	Sulyang
Shanghai	Beltana
Swatow	Cremer
Shanghai	Allpore
Straits	Bingo Maru
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19	
Shanghai and Amoy	Kanchow
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20	
U.S.A. (Seattle, November 30), Japan and	President Madison
Shanghai	Malwa
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21	
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London,	
Nov. 21 and Parcels, Nov. 14)	Khiva
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22	
Straits	Hakusan Maru

### OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18	
Sam Shui	Kong So 4 p.m.
Formosa	Havelland 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19	
*Swatow and Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremer 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Namsang
	Parcels Dec. 19, Noon.
	Letters 1 p.m.
	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Anges 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via	Tjikembang 5 p.m.
Siberia	Haidis 5 p.m.
Amoy	Ichang 5 p.m.
Saigon	
Swatow and Amoy	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20	
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Aki Maru 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,	
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Registration Dec. 21, 9 a.m.	Registration Dec. 21, 9.45 a.m.
Letters Dec. 21, 10 a.m.	Letters Dec. 21, 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Shanghai and *Japan	Khiva 3.30 p.m.
Japan and *S. American Ports	Anjo Maru 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung 5 p.m.

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

### END OF SYDNEY MINERS' RIOT

DOCTORS REFUSED ENTRANCE TO ATTEND WOUNDED POLICE.

#### A HEATED DEBATE

Sydney, Yesterday. "Call that peaceful picketing?" indignantly asked the Minister of Mines, Mr. Weaver, at the Assembly debate on the disturbances at Rothbury, asserting that although a vast attack occurred in the morning, demonstration would not allow the doctors to enter the grounds and attend the wounded policeman until four in the afternoon.

The debate which was very heated, terminated by the rejection by 44 votes to 41 of a Labour motion censuring the Government.

Many thousand miners attended the funeral of their mate, Brown, killed yesterday. The Anglican Bishop officiating, said that Brown was a man of whom any nation might be proud.

The demonstration passed off quietly, although police dispersed with batons a party attempting to approach Parliament House.

#### Degrees

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day

67

Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday

67

Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day

90

Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday

95

#### Protest Meeting

Sydney, Yesterday. Volunteers began preliminary work at the Rothbury Mine this morning, very quietly. A huge Trade Unionist demonstration is to be held in Hyde Park this evening as a protest against the shooting of miners on Monday.

The compulsory Conference has recommended that the mines be re-opened at the old wage rates. The Federal Government will subsidise the production of coal in the Newcastle area, pending the award of the Arbitration Court, which will begin a hearing of the dispute not later than January 22. The price of coal is temporarily reduced 4/- a ton, the owners and the Federal State Government sharing the cost. The Federal Government has agreed to the recommendations.

A Melbourne message says that Mr. Scullin criticised Mr. Bavin's refusal to attend the compulsory conference, and said that the New South Wales Government's attempt to re-open the Rothbury mine contributed to Monday's rioting.—Reuter

### JUNKS AND CRAFT COMMANDEERED

IRONSIDES FIRE ON BUSES

#### NO SHIPS TO PIRATE

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kiangmoon, Yesterday. Calmness prevailed in the four districts of Sze Yap while news poured in from Canton about the attack of the Ironsides. Although the people here have not been directly affected, however, they have expressed much annoyance because communications have been almost suspended.

The war zone is some distance away but junks, steam-launches and other river craft have been commandeered wholesale by the local military authorities for use as transports. Coolies have been roped in by semi-official press gangs to work with the service corps. Even little motor-boats used as ferries have been taken away. There is one consolation, if it is such. All these vessels have been kept behind the firing line: Canton's buses have been unharmed; they were subjected to heavy fire by the Ironsides while rushing reinforcements out from Canton and some of them were badly knocked about.

That inconvenience has been felt is evident from conditions as far inland as at Kungyick and Sun-cheong. But this has proved to be an indirect blessing. The garrison having proceeded to the front the area is left open to bandits and pirates. The latter, however, have no ships to pirate because there is none here!

#### 100 Bandits Arrested

The last case was that of the "Nam-Shui" tow-boat, in which the gang claimed to be adherents and subordinates of General Cheung Fak-uei, commander-in-chief of the Ironsides. Arrests of this band by the militia now aggregate over a hundred. The leader, Wong Yuen-lung (sometime regimental commander under ex-General Hau Chung-hsi), who is not known to the Criminal Investigation Department, Hong Kong, has paid the supreme penalty, in company with others, after conviction by a military tribunal.

The militia has proved itself. Men of this (part-Government, part-public) body work hard at night giving protection. Vessels are not allowed to approach any township after sunset; this is strictly adhered to because of the fear of pirates. Kowkong, a port above Kiangmoon, has not been so peaceful, unfortunately, and there have been robberies even in daylight there.

Unscrupulous Gentry Civil officials are now co-operating

### TERMS OF SOVIET & TURKISH PACT

NEUTRALITY IN THE EVENT OF MILITARY ACTION

#### GIFTS FOR KARAKHAN

Constantinople, Yesterday. On the occasion of the signature of the protocol of the Russo Turkish Friendship Pact, Mustafa Kemal presented Karakhan with a number of gifts as a mark of friendly esteem. The Pact thus renewed was concluded in Paris in 1925, when the fate of Mosul was being debated at the Lausanne Conference, and was due to expire on January 2, 1930.

It provides neutrality in the event of military action against the other party; agreement of non-participation in any political, military, naval or economic coalition against the other party, and complete freedom of action in neutral relations with other Powers in so far as they conflict with the specified undertakings.

Karakhan will spend two days in Constantinople before leaving for Moscow on December 19.—Reuter.

#### OVERCAST

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone over N. China has weakened slightly. The depression has deepened and passed into the Pacific. Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Forecast:—N. E. winds; fresh; overcast at first, finer later.

with the officers of the corps in directing the activities of the militia. Since responsibility devolved on the militia of maintaining order, a quiet war (merely by exerting unremitting pressure) has been waged successfully against "unscrupulous landed gentry" (who have been the favourite "game" of agitators since 1925). In other words, local bullies have not now the facilities with which to shield bad characters, hence the decrease in outlawry.

A disturbing element, on the other hand, lies in rumours that that notorious outlaw lair, Ku Tau Mountain, which was secured by the military not so many months ago, is again giving sanctuary to pirates who have been in hiding for some time. So soon as more urgent (political) matters have been attended to, it is hoped, another raid will be made on Ku Tau.

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### WORLD SHAKEN BY VIOLENT SHOCKS

#### SEISMOGRAPH NEEDLE PUT OUT OF ACTION

#### S. AFRICAN DEATHS

Padua, Yesterday. Violent earthquake shocks 5,500 miles away, lasting for three hours, were registered by the University seismographs.

"At Seattle a severe earthquake, apparently centred in the Aleutian Islands, off Alaska, where volcanoes were recently active, was recorded by seismographs throughout the United States. The shocks, which were of three hours duration, began at 3.07 a.m. (Pacific time) and were so severe that the needle of the

seismograph in Washington University went out of action for ten minutes.

Ottawa, Yesterday.

Similar shocks were recorded in Canada.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.

Heavy falls of rock occurred in a village, and a deep mine followed a severe earth tremor. Three natives were killed and 21 injured. One European was injured.—Reuter.

#### CORRUPTION

#### Governor-General of Korea Indicted

Tokyo, Yesterday. General Hanzo Yamashita has been indicted on a charge of corruption during his Governor-Generalship of Korea.—Reuter.